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An unidentified Serb woman inspects the debris of her home yesterday in the village of Vidrići, some 50 kms northeast of Sarajevo, which was destroyed in the NATO air strikes. (AP)

NATO bombs Serbs in answer to Sarajevo massacre

SARAJEVO (AP) - Dozens of warplanes from NATO countries unleashed bombs on Serb targets around Sarajevo yesterday in the biggest assault in the alliance's history. Bosnian and Western leaders hoped the open-ended strike would finally force the rebels to make peace.

A French Mirage 2000C was shot down by Serb air defenses near the Serb stronghold of Pale, the French Defense Ministry said, confirming the only reported allied loss. It said the pilot ejected.

A US administration official in Washington said two parachutes floated down after the plane was hit, and that two airmen apparently survived.

The NATO assault, backed by the heavy guns of the UN rapid reaction force, was in retaliation for Serb shelling of a Sarajevo market that killed 37 people Monday. NATO chief Willy Claes said the offensive would continue and possibly grow more severe, unless the Serbs are brought to heel.

More than 60 aircraft from several NATO countries flew from bases in Italy and the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt to carry out the attack.

Between the nighttime and daytime raids, the multinational rapid reaction force, positioned on Mount Igman, southwest of the city, fired more than 600 shells on Serb positions surrounding the Bosnian capital.

Lt.-Gen. Bernard Janvier, commander of UN troops in former Yugoslavia, said the air raids and artillery barrages were able

to "seriously reduce the [Serb] artillery around Sarajevo."

"Our objective is to reduce the threat to the Sarajevo safe area and to deter further attacks there or on any other safe area," Claes said.

NATO targets included air-defense radar and communication sites, ammunition depots, and command posts throughout Bosnia. UN and NATO officials said the air strikes heavily damaged many targets, including a munitions factory and two ammunition dumps.

One US official was more restrained, saying there was a "medium" level of bomb damage.

Five waves of aircraft streaked through the skies over Sarajevo, striking first just after 2 a.m.

UN sources said the planes also targeted Bosnian Serb air defenses near the towns of Mostar in the west, Gorazde in the east, and Tuzla to the north.

Spain said two high-ranking Spanish military officers and a Spanish envoy died near Sarajevo, but that it was not clear if they were killed by NATO bombs. A mission spokesman said in Brussels that the Spaniards' driver and interpreter also died. One was believed to be Irish, the other Dutch, European Union officials said.

There were no other reports of casualties.

The overnight raids left bright flashes of light tinged the sky. The spectacle awoke Sarajevans, and many were hanging out their windows to watch the assault on their Serb foes.

"I feel good, oh yes!" declared Musrata Sabic, 58, as she leaned from her balcony for a better view. "I feel good, probably for

the first time in this war. It looks like they are skinning them alive!"

NATO officials refused to specify which countries were involved in the raids, but officials in Washington said 50 US aircraft participated in the first strike. French, British, and Dutch planes also took part.

On their fifth run, planes struck in late afternoon near the Bosnian Serb headquarters in Pale, southeast of Sarajevo. An army barracks was hit, and sources there said a major Bosnian Serb air defense radar complex on nearby Mount Jahorina had also been damaged.

When Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic heard an allied plane had been downed near Pale, he leaned out the window of the Pale TV building and shouted, "Find the pilots! Find the pilots!"

The US had search crews in the area, but it was not clear whether they were headed toward Pale to try to retrieve the French airmen.

Karadzic called the NATO strikes "a moral disaster for the Western world and for the UN," because they had taken a side in a civil war.

He indicated he might pull out of the latest US peace initiative. "I think those bombs can destroy the peace process, too," Karadzic said.

The president of Bosnia's Muslim-led government, Alija Izetbegovic, was in Paris, where he had just concluded two days of peace talks with US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke.

"The world has finally done what it should have done a long, long time ago," Izetbegovic said.

PA to end 3 Jerusalem operations

THE Palestinian Authority has promised to meet the government's demand to cease operations at three institutions in Jerusalem connected with the PA, thus alleviating the need for police to shut the offices, a senior government source said last night.

"Only time will tell if the promise will be kept," the source said. "But at this stage, it appears that the tension over the matter has been defused."

In Eilat yesterday, Police Minister Moshe Shahal met Palestinian negotiator Ahmed Oreia to discuss the government's demands the institutions be closed.

A ministry spokesman released a statement afterward, saying Oreia told Shahal the PA would comply with the Oslo limitations on PA activity in Jerusalem. He said PA Chairman Yasser Arafat agreed that PA institutions

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would not operate in Jerusalem, according to the spokesman, who described the meeting as "very positive."

On Monday, police presented warning letters to the Palestinian Health Council, Palestinian Statistics Center, and Palestinian Broadcasting Authority, telling them if they did not close in 96 hours, police would shut them down.

However, government sources said, the legal implication of the letter was that if the organizations ended their connection with the PA, they could remain open.

Palestinian sources said at least one of three institutions had already begun transferring its PA-connected Jerusalem operations to an office outside the city.

Meanwhile, Shahal refused to discuss the release of Palestinian security prisoners with Oreia, saying the government had yet to decide on the issue.

Jon Immanuel adds:

PA spokesman Marwan Kanafani denied that the PA had agreed to remove the three offices.

"As far as we are concerned, these people will go to court to prevent that," he said.

He said he could not specify which court, whether the Israeli High Court or an international tribunal.

"These offices were there long before the agreement made with Israel. They are minding their own business and that of Palestinians in Jerusalem. We don't think it is the business of the Israeli government to remove them," Kanafani said.

Poll: 32% of settlers willing to repatriate for compensation

HERB KEINON

THIRTY-TWO percent of settlers would be willing to leave their communities if offered "reasonable" compensation, while 26% would stay in the settlements under any conditions, according to a Mod'in Ezrah survey commissioned by Peace Now.

The telephone survey, which studied settler attitudes toward their future, the peace process, and whether they would be willing to move, was conducted on August 17 among a representative sample of 419 Jews in the territories. The margin of error is 4.9%.

Asked "if you would be willing to leave the settlement with your family for reasonable compensation," 15% said they would "surely" be willing, and another 17% said they "think they would." By contrast, 59% said either they would surely not, or do not think they would be willing to leave for compensation. The rest were either undecided or refused to answer.

The poll found that willingness to leave is greater the further the settlements are from Jerusalem, in places such as Ariel, Ennabul, Alfei Menashe, and Kiryat Arba.

Dr. Ella Heller, who carried out the survey, wrote that the settlers can be divided into 30% who are considered "soft," whose motivations for moving to the territories were not ideological, and who would be willing to leave, and a hard core of 31% who are ideologically motivated and will not be willing to leave for compensation. Everyone else falls somewhere in between.

Asked what they would do "if your settlement will not be included in the state's boundaries in the final agreement with the Palestinians," 26% said they would stay in the settlements un-

der any conditions, 29% said they will remain if the security remains in the hands of the IDF, 25% would prefer moving within the Green Line, 8% would move to another settlement in the territories, less than 1% said they would leave the country, and the rest were undecided.

Among the poll's other findings:

Forty-seven percent of the settlers said they live in the territories for economic or quality of life reasons, 36% for religious or nationalistic reasons, and 15% for a combination of reasons. The rest either did not know how to define their motivations, were undecided, or refused to answer.

A majority of the settlers, some 75%, believe that in five years they will be living in the same settlement they live in now, while 11% think they will be living inside the Green Line, 5% in another settlement, and less than 1% abroad. The rest did not know.

Thirty-two percent of the respondents believe their settlement will be annexed to Israel, while 7% believe it will be evacuated, and they will receive compensation, as was done with Yamit. The majority, 44%, believe that their settlement will not be evacuated and that their security will remain in the hands of the IDF.

Twenty-five percent of the settlers defined themselves "in general" as "supporting the peace process between Israel and the Arabs," compared with a national figure of 57%. Opposed to the process are 58%, as compared to a 28% nationwide figure.

Kamel providing US with data on Iraqi weapons

DAVID MAKOVSKY

IN his briefings with US officials, Iraqi defector Hussein Kamel Hassan has been providing information about Iraq's development of weapons of mass destruction above and beyond what Baghdad recently provided the UN, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned. But he has not been forthcoming when it comes to the whereabouts of Iraqi money hidden abroad.

Jordan's King Hussein, who granted him asylum earlier this month, believes that Kamel has the stature to replace Saddam Hussein. He allowed Kamel to call a press conference, at which he called for Saddam's overthrow.

It remains far from certain, however, that others share Hussein's assessment, since Kamel could not foment the Iraqi army to revolt before his departure, and instead fled to Jordan.

Nonetheless, by all accounts, Kamel is valuable. He is well placed to provide information, since he built up Iraq's feared military machine in the late 1980s and after the 1991 Gulf war, he led Iraq's reconstruction drive.

Recently, apparently spurred by what Kamel may divulge, Baghdad admitted to UN weapons inspector Rolf Ekeus that it had worked on missile warheads and aircraft bombs that were capable of carrying deadly anthrax and botulinum bacteria, designated for hitting Israeli cities or Iranian troops.

Sources said that the information Kamel provided to the US exceeded what Iraq gave Ekeus. Kamel has publicly claimed that Saddam was planning another invasion of Kuwait, and would continue on to Saudi Arabia.

Kamel's reluctance to talk about Iraqi money sources

abroad could generate speculation that he would like that flow of money to remain uninterrupted. (Continued on Page 2)

Daylight time to be longer over next three years

DAYLIGHT savings time will be extended starting next year, making it a six- to seven-month period as opposed to five months now, Interior Minister Ehud Barak announced yesterday.

Clocks are to be set back one hour at midnight on Saturday, putting Israel back on standard time considerably earlier than the rest of the world.

Barak, who was touring Lod yesterday, said he could not delay this year's time change because, according to law, such changes must be set six

months in advance.

According to Barak's plan, which must be approved by the Knesset Interior Committee, daylight savings time will run next year from March 13 to September 21; from March 13 to November 1 in 1997; and from March 19 to October 24 in 1998.

Barak's plan was apparently formulated after consultations with Chief Rabbis Yisrael Lau and Eliahu Bakshi-Doron.

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Police raid on Yitzhar turns violent

HERB KEINON

POLICE arrested seven people in a pre-dawn raid in Yitzhar that turned violent yesterday. They were searching for people suspected of rioting in neighboring Arab villages.

While police spokesman maintain that settlers pelted them with stones, Yitzhar residents said they were beat by policemen who neither showed arrest warrants or wore identification tags.

Boaz Goldenberg, spokesman for the Judea and Samaria police district, said that four people were arrested for disturbing the peace, while three others were detained for interfering with the other arrests. Goldenberg gave no further details as to what the four people — both yeshiva students and permanent residents — were suspected of having done.

He denied charges that warrants were not issued, and said police gave their names when asked to do so.

The raid began at 3 a.m., and Chief Superintendent Dudu Peretz told Israel Radio that undue force was not used. "We reacted to violence on their part. When someone resisted arrest, we used reasonable force to bring him to the vehicle. The entire settlement descended on us."

But Yitzhar resident Hillel Reimuss described a different scene. He said that about 100 po-

lice poured into the settlement at 2:30 a.m., burst into the dorm of yeshiva students who study at the yeshiva at Joseph's tomb in Nabulus, and started making arrests. "Whoever resisted was beaten," he said.

Reimuss said that when police burst into a house in the settlement itself, about 15 residents went to meet them. "There was a physical confrontation, and the police used great force, brutally pulling and dragging people away," he said.

Reimuss said that the police did not wear identification tags, and that when people began filming them, they ran into the vans, and others came out with tags on their chests.

In another development, the police issued an order limiting the movement of former Kach spokesman Noam Federman to certain areas of Hebron, and ordered him to go to the Hebron police station twice a day.

The order, issued by OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran, followed the entrance of Federman to the Jericho area three weeks ago, despite IDF orders not to do so.

Federman, who was placed in administrative detention after the Hebron massacre last year, said he has no intention of complying with the order.

High Court petitioned over GSS measures

Move to have 'shaking' stopped

ALON PINKAS

THE Public Committee Against Torture in Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian Physicians' Association for Human Rights yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice.

They asked it to order the indictment of those responsible for permitting the General Security Service to use "special measures" of interrogation, which caused the death of Hamas activist Abdel Harizat three months ago.

The petition, submitted by attorneys Avigdor Feldman and Leah Tsemel, asks that Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair and State Attorney Dorit Beinisch be ordered to file manslaughter charges against individuals involved in the Harizat interrogation.

It specifically points to GSS interrogators who directly caused Harizat's death, GSS officials who authorized the employment of special measures, the head of the GSS, and members of the Ministerial Committee on the GSS, who permitted the use of

the "shaking" which caused Harizat's death.

The ministerial committee is comprised of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Police Minister Moshe Shahal, Justice Minister David Liba'i, and Environment Minister Yossi Sarid.

The petitioners criticized Beinisch for her decision to endorse the investigation report on Harizat's death which determined that "there is difficulty proving with adequate certainty, as required in criminal law, the causal relationship between the actions of the interrogator and the death of the victim."

The petition contends that the coroner's report determined that the cause of death was "accelerated circulatory movement of the head," precipitated by "shaking."

The petitioners requested that "shaking" be stopped immediately and called for ministers involved in its authorization to be stripped of their parliamentary immunity.

Arafat orders probe into death during interrogation

PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday ordered an official inquiry into the reasons for the death of a Gaza gun dealer and Hamas activist during interrogation by the Palestinian Police.

Tawfik Sawarka, 36, of the Sheikh Radwan section of Gaza City, died early Tuesday morning.

He had been arrested the previous day on suspicion of supplying guns and explosives to Hamas and the Islamic Jihad.

As soon as the death was reported, PA Attorney-General Khalid al-Qidrah ordered an investigation into its cause, but said that Sawarka had been ill.

Arafat's spokesman Marwan

Kanafani said Arafat was deeply shocked by the death and immediately ordered the two interrogators arrested.

"Arafat said he will not tolerate violence or human rights violations by the Palestinian Police," Kanafani said. "If the interrogators are found guilty, they will be severely punished."

A Palestinian security source said that the Palestinian Police had adopted the General Security Service's technique of "shaking" prisoners.

"We are permitted to use a certain amount of force in interrogations," he said, "but the use of dangerous amounts of force is forbidden and is severely punished."

Influx boosts naturally growing Golan population

DAVID RUDGE

SCORES of families have moved into homes on the Golan Heights in the past few months, giving an added boost to the region's naturally expanding Jewish population.

Golan regional council officials revealed yesterday that 120 families have been absorbed onto existing moshavim and kibbutzim on the Golan in the past two months alone.

This is in addition to the mass influx of newcomers to Katzrin, which has experienced a population boom in the past 12 months and where there is a six-month waiting list for some rental housing.

The council officials said that despite any uncertainties over the long-term

future of the region, people were still coming to live on the Golan while existing residents showed no signs of leaving.

Golan regional council chairman Yehuda Wolman said they were optimistic that the number of new families coming to live in the region, apart from Katzrin itself, would top the 1,000 mark within a year.

Wolman said that the regional council was continuing to develop and expand existing infrastructure and increase work places, particularly in industry, tourism and agriculture, to meet the newcomers' needs.

These plans will go ahead regardless of any possible attempts by government ministries to block expansion and development, he vowed.

"Any government which places a question mark over the (future development) of the Golan will find itself in a position of lacking hegemony," said Wolman.

Wolman said the regional council had completed preparations for the start of the new school year, and that the statistics also showed a natural increase in the population.

He noted that nearly 2,900 children would be starting and resuming studies

with the beginning of the new school year tomorrow — an overall increase of six percent compared to last year.

The increase in students at high schools and junior high schools was even greater, at 25%, he said.

Meanwhile, officials of the Katzrin local council noted that the population had increased by around 850 people in the past 12 months.

Daniella Shaul, spokesperson for the council, said that all new homes had been sold and there was a waiting list of people wishing to rent two and three-bedroom homes in the public housing sector. Rental housing in the private sector was virtually non-existent, she added.



Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin chats with former Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat, head of the Council for Peace and Security, as council members demonstrate outside the Prime Minister's Office in favor of the peace process yesterday. (Yitzhak Alharar/Scoop 80)

Pro-government demo draws out PM

BILL HUTMAN

A SMALL group of pro-government demonstrators outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem were paid an unexpected visit by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday.

"There are those trying to take advantage of the present situation to divide the nation, but they

will not succeed," Rabin told the members of the Council for Peace and Security.

"The people of Israel believe in a system where the government is elected democratically," Rabin said, adding the present

government has a mandate to move ahead with the peace process.

The council is headed by former Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat, and its members have met with Rabin and government ministers recently to express their support for the peace process.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Beersheba man drowns at Tel Aviv beach

Seventy-two-year-old Albert Herrera of Beersheba drowned yesterday at the Frishman Beach in Tel Aviv. Herrera had been at the beach with his daughter.

Electrocuted while fixing fridge

A 73-year-old Tiberias man was electrocuted yesterday in the storeroom of his home while trying to fix a refrigerator. An Electric Corporation expert is investigating the man's death along with police.

Eleven hurt in accident

Eleven people were injured in a traffic accident when two pickups crashed head-on in the Kfar Sava industrial area yesterday. One person was still in serious condition last night, two in fair condition and the others in good condition. Police said one of the drivers veered into oncoming traffic, and suspended his license.

Weizman phones Shevardnadze

President Ezer Weizman yesterday called Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze to wish him a speedy recovery from wounds suffered in a car bomb assassination attempt Tuesday. Shevardnadze was lightly wounded. He visited here about two months ago and met with Weizman.

Body found near Ben-Gurion Airport

Police are investigating the death of a man whose partially decomposed body was found at an interchange near Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday morning. The man, 38, was a patient at a mental hospital in the North, and disappeared a few days ago. Police are still not certain if foul play was involved. An autopsy will be performed this morning.

KAMEL

(Continued from Page 1) ed if he comes to power, or perhaps Kamel, who is considered to be wealthy, has put aside more money for himself.

The value of Kamel exceeds specifics about Iraqi capabilities and resources. A defection from the inner circle can provide an unprecedented glimpse into the question of how Saddam thinks about issues. The fear that Kamel's brother Saddam Kamel Hassan — the Iraqi leader's former chief bodyguard — provided US intelligence operatives with such details as the shape of Saddam's security apparatus has led to an overhaul of Iraqi security arrangements, the English-language Baghdad Observer reported yesterday.

It has been reported that Kamel's meetings have been with Central Intelligence Agency officials, but in an interview with the London-based Al-Hayat newspaper last week, he denied meeting with US officials.

At the same time, he said, "We are trying to establish contacts with international parties, including the Americans, in view of their special position as a superpower, and because of US relations in the region, which is a matter we cannot do without."

Kamel's defection continues to raise the question of the extent of Jordan's strategic realignment. Sources said Saudi Arabia wants Jordan to make a total break with Iraq, and specifically to close off the Iraq-Jordan border trade which has proven profitable to both sides. The sources said Riyadh has signaled that it is linking a

Two attempts to stab border policemen in Jerusalem

BILL HUTMAN

IN separate incidents yesterday, a young man from the Ramallah area and a partially blind Jerusalem woman tried to stab border policemen guarding the Moslem Quarter home of Likud MK Ariel Sharon.

A policeman was very lightly injured on his hand, and both attackers were apprehended, a police spokeswoman said.

The woman, 43, from Beit Hanina, gave police no explanation for the attack. She was wandering on Rehov Hagai when a border policeman asked to see her identity papers.

She complied, also giving him a document showing she is partially blind. The policeman returned the documents and told her to go on her way, when she pulled a knife out of her pocketbook and lunged at him, police said.

The man, Juwad Husheya, 21, attacked a border policeman from behind with a large kitchen knife. The blade, however, was halted by the policeman's flak vest.

decision to providing Jordan with an estimated 70,000 barrels of oil a day — replacing what Iraq provides Jordan — to Amman's decision to seal its border to trade.

It seems that Saudi Arabia still fears that unless Amman makes a clean break with Iraq, it could be playing a double game. While Saudi Arabia has taken some measures at incrementally improving its ties with Jordan, it still has not forgotten that its generosity to Jordan in the 1980s was repaid by Amman's linking itself to Iraq during the Gulf crisis.

Beijing conference angers Palestinians

PALESTINIAN women from Jerusalem almost walked out of a UN women's conference in Beijing yesterday because they were described as part of an Israeli delegation. The error was corrected and they stayed.

"I think it was just a mistake. I hope it was," said Rwanda Basir, a

leading women's activist in Nabulus.

A letter was sent in protest to the UN Secretariat. Basir, a member of the Federation of Palestinian Women, did not attend the conference because her passport was not in order.

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towns, including Holon, Rishon Lezion, Ra'anana, Kfar Sava, and Hod Hasharon, have promised to provide guards at the schools. What is happening, he said, is that the wealthier parents would pay for guards, while the poorer schools would have to do without them.

In his view the year has indeed symbolized tourism as the harbinger of peace. Israel now has tourists from such countries as Indonesia and Malaysia, states with which it has no diplomatic relations. He also noted that this year there were some 30,000 tourists from Egypt, a considerable jump from previous years.



A police spokeswoman said eight members of the gang, including the three detained Tuesday evening, have been arrested, and more arrests are expected.

His Lotto partner, a 40-year-old woman with three children,

According to authorities, Ben-Guzzi has an electrical goods store in Miami and would contact returning residents there who did not want to use all their rights. The pair also allegedly smuggled, over a long period of time, electronic goods valued at hundreds of thousands of shekels, selling them here. Ohana, said investigators, acted as a distributor here.

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Women's forum organizers vow to ignore restrictions on free speech

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BEIJING

THE biggest meeting ever of the world's women opened yesterday, dogged by a dispute between participants and the Chinese government over freedom of expression.

"Look at the world through women's eyes - look and act," conference leader Supatra Masdit said. "The women's movement will go forward into the next century with higher spirits and... will help create a new and democratic relationship for humankind."

A chain of women relayed to Supatra a peace torch that began its journey to Beijing a month ago in Durban, South Africa. As she held it aloft to the applause of nearly 18,000 women in a Beijing stadium, she declared the conference open.

More than 20,000 activists from private groups around the world will spend 10 days discussing issues ranging from equality in the workplace to female mutilation and slavery, from lobbying governments to having a say at home.

The gathering is known as the NGO Forum because the groups are non-governmental organizations.

A few hours earlier, NGO organizers said they would defy Chinese re-



A Chinese saleswoman in Beijing tries to keep up with a mad rush for T-shirts, hats, and shorts yesterday at the accreditation center for the largest women's conference in history. (AP)

strictions on holding protests and allow freedom of expression throughout their gathering site.

Their tough stand could put participants on a collision course with the Chinese government, which has imposed strict security and declared that any demonstrations will be limited to a small school yard inside the conference grounds.

Chinese officials have said that protests criticizing China are not allowed. Santiago, forum executive director, told a news conference that the Chinese never told the organizers of any such restrictions.

There is "no such instruction - nor will such instruction ever be given," she said.

The Chinese government angered many participants by suddenly moving the forum out of Beijing, cutting participants off from delegates to the UN Fourth World Conference on Women, which opens Monday. There have also been protests about China's decision to bar entry to some individuals approved by the United Nations.

Santiago said organizers have protested to China about its exclusion of four groups that seek independence from China - apparently referring to Tibetan and Taiwan groups.

China also barred all 30 would-be participants from Niger because it

recognizes Taiwan, and refused to issue visas to an unknown number of other women with political views opposed to China's. China considers Taiwan and Tibet its territory.

Forum participants have complained about tight security - metal detectors at entrances to the major sites, bans on visitors in rooms, and police searches of luggage for forbidden political and religious material.

Women arriving over the past few days have had to walk or take expensive taxis because promised free shuttle buses won't operate until today.

"I hope this isn't the beginning of what the rest of the 10 days is going to be," said Lee Christison of Darwin, Australia, who had been driving around in a bus with 21 others for 2 1/2 hours trying to find their accommodation.

Despite the problems, many women have high hopes.

Meeting under the slogan, "Look at the World through Women's Eyes," the forum is offering participants a staggering choice of events - 5,000 workshops and panels on subjects ranging from "Sexism and the Buddhist Religion" to "Women's Empowerment" and "Cooking With Sunshine: A Global Strategy." (AP)

Yeltsin opens door to broader peace talks on Chechnya

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russian President Boris Yeltsin told a meeting of his powerful Security Council yesterday that the door was open for broader peace talks with Chechen leaders.

Security Council Secretary Oleg Lobov told a news conference that the policy making body of state and parliamentary leaders was waiting for a military agreement with rebels to be implemented before it tackles the issue of Chechnya's status.

"Let's complete the first stage of implementation," he said.

The rebels want Moscow to recognize their independence, while the Kremlin insists Chechnya should stay part of Russia and sent in troops to enforce its rule last December.

Thousands have been killed and many more made homeless, but a shaky truce reached after talks started in June has reduced casualties.

Yeltsin told the Security Council he was generally satisfied with the peace talks that also resulted in the

military agreement calling for rebels to surrender weapons in exchange for partial Russian troop withdrawals.

Lobov said the talks with representatives of Chechen leader Dzhokhar Dudayev aimed at ending the conflict could be widened to include more Chechen representatives.

He said about 1,500 guns had been handed in so far out of up to 70,000 estimated to be in the hands of the rebels. Forecasts for the total number that might be surrendered were 30,000 to 35,000, he said.

In the Chechen capital Grozny, Dudayev associate Movladi Udugov told reporters the handing in of weapons should be completed by September 29.

Some Chechen rebels, including field commander Shamil Basayev, say they distrust the Russians and will not give up their weapons. Basayev led a group of rebels that seized hundreds of hostages in southern Russia in June.

Shevardnadze determined to stand for reelection

TBILISI, Georgia (Reuters) - Twenty-four hours after surviving an assassination attempt, Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze declared before thousands of supporters yesterday that he would run for president in November.

"God is with us, people are with us, the world is with us and we will win," the defiant 67-year-old former Soviet foreign minister told more than 2,000 supporters in central Tbilisi.

Shevardnadze, likely to be a strong candidate for the post, looked fit although the cuts he sustained to his face in Tuesday's car bomb attack were still visible.

He met yesterday with Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev on the news of the abortive assassination attempt on Tuesday, Interfax news agency said.

It quoted Georgian Defense Minister Varden Nadibaidze as

saying that Colonel-General Vasil Lashin had been dispatched to Tbilisi "to acquaint himself with the situation and possibly offer operative assistance." Nadibaidze gave no details.

Shevardnadze has encouraged tighter military cooperation between Russia and Georgia.

But his political opponents argue that military cooperation with Moscow would pose a threat to Georgia's independence. More-

over, they see Russia as the secret instigator and backer of a successful rebellion in the Black Sea province of Abkhazia two years ago.

Hundreds of riot police stood guard at yesterday's rally and marksmen took up positions on buildings in the capital of this turbulent Transcaucasus republic.

"The aim was to get rid of one presidential candidate and disrupt the pre-election campaign," he told the rally.

Court hears Fuhrman say 'nigger' as Ito ponders ruling on admission of tapes

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Before Judge Lance Ito stands the biggest decision of the O.J. Simpson trial, perhaps the biggest of the judge's career - a ruling with implications beyond the courtroom.

The Mark Fuhrman tapes have not only rocked an already trouble-plagued trial, but aggravated racial wounds in a city that hasn't come close to recovering from the riots sparked by the acquittals of police officers who beat Rodney King.

After hearing impassioned arguments from attorneys on Tuesday, Ito indicated he would rule in the next few days on whether the majority-black jury will hear some of Fuhrman's racist rants and chest-thumping tales of a mean cop in a mean city.

"The quality of your arguments... has given me a lot to think about and this is not some-

thing I can rule upon from the seat of my pants," Ito told attorneys.

During Tuesday's hearing, the fiery statements from the prosecution and defense contrasted with the eerily restrained rage in Fuhrman's voice, which filled the courtroom as the defense played portions of taped interviews the recently retired detective gave to an aspiring screenwriter.

With virtually no emotion, Fuhrman delivered such statements as: "Most real good policemen understand that they would love to take certain people and just take them to the alley and blow their brains out."

It was the same voice jurors heard months ago when Fuhrman, who found the bloody glove on O.J.'s property, swore that he had not used the word "nigger" in the last 10 years. On the tapes recorded since 1985, he says that word 41 times.

Simpson's lawyers say the tapes show Fuhrman is a liar capable of planting the glove on the estate of a black whose white ex-wife had been murdered. Fuhrman's spokesmen have said he had a "mental block" and forgot about using the racial epithet, and was making up stories to impress the screenwriter and make for a better story.

The last tape Fuhrman made - a month after the June 12, 1994, knife murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman - revealed his feeling of self-importance. "I'm the key witness in the biggest case of the century," he said. "And if I go down, they lose the case. The glove is everything. Without the glove - bye-bye."

Defense ends case in New York bombing trial

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Defense lawyers rested their case on Tuesday in the trial of Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman and his followers accused of plotting to bomb the United Nations and murder religious and political leaders in the United States.

Although prosecutors will now present rebuttal witnesses, closing arguments in the nine-month trial are expected to begin early next week. About 70 witnesses testified during the defense portion of the case, which lasted about two months.

The defendants are accused of being part of a wide-ranging conspiracy that included the February 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center that killed six and injured more than 1,000. At the time, prosecutors considered the explosion the worst terrorist attack on US soil.

The men are also accused of plotting to bomb the United Na-

tions and bridges and tunnels leading to New York City, of murdering Rabbi Meir Kahane, who was killed in New York on November 5, 1990, and of planning to kill Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak during a 1993 US visit.

Defense lawyers have tried to discredit key government witnesses including a shadowy former Egyptian army officer, Emad Salem, who had infiltrated Abdel-Rahman's inner circle at the request of federal authorities.

They have tried to show that Salem, who readily admitted on the stand that he lies to portray himself as a "big shot," had orchestrated the scheme and tried to entrap their clients.

They say he misled some of the defendants into believing they were training to go to Bosnia to aid Muslims in their fight against the Serbs.

Prosecutors want teen accused in slaying of NY yeshiva student tried as an adult

NEW YORK (AP) - A 20-year-old man accused in the 1991 slaying of a yeshiva student cannot be rehabilitated, so he should not be tried in the juvenile court system, prosecutors say.

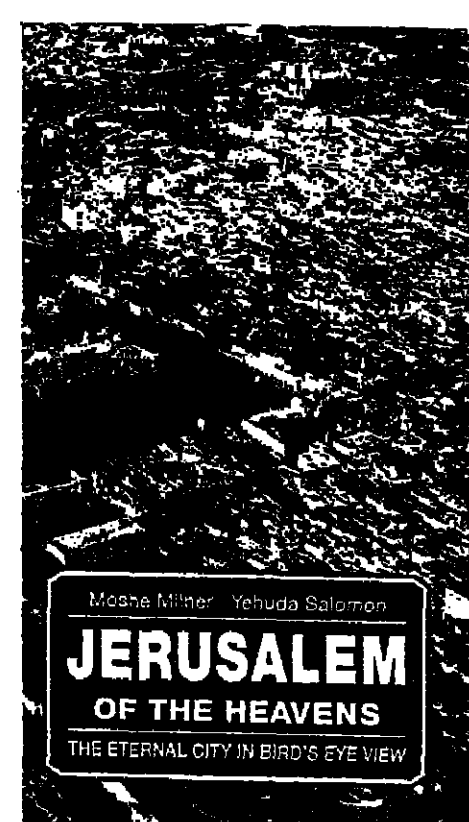
Prosecutors asked a US federal appeals court Tuesday to overturn a judge's decision and order Lemrick Nelson, who had just turned 16 when Yankel Rosenbaum was stabbed to death in Brooklyn, New York, tried as an adult.

Nelson is charged with violating the civil rights of Rosenbaum, who was attacked and stabbed to death during a black riot in Brooklyn's Crown Heights section.

Assistant US Attorney Alan Vinegrad said Nelson's guilty pleas earlier this year to slaying a Georgia high school student with a razor blade and possessing a concealed weapon indicate rehabilitation would not work. Furthermore, with Nelson already 20 years old, Vinegrad said it was unlikely there would be any juvenile facilities for the rehabilitation if he were convicted.

He found some sympathy on the three-judge panel, which did not immediately rule on the case.

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Shekem: The new fashion trendsetter

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WE'RE not selling clothes, we're selling fashion," says Ehud Peled, deputy general manager of Shekem. The distinction, more than a mere matter of semantics, points to the new image pervading Shekem stores across the country.

Until its privatization last year, the best thing the Shekem chain had going for it was the discounts it offered to IDF and law enforcement personnel and their families.

But while its prices were attractive, the chain suffered from the institutional drabness of a downscale operation. Its cosmetics counters generally carried cheap brands and the few better quality trademarks featured in the apparel department were poorly displayed and frequently export surpluses from seasons past.

All that is changing now. Difficult though it may be for old-timers to imagine Shekem as a trendsetter, that is exactly what the chain aims to be.

The concept, explained Peled, who got much of his experience in Canadian department stores, is one of lifestyle. It embraces not only fashion but homewares and food.

Fashionwise, Shekem plans to develop its own impulse (for her) and Derby (for him) ranges, but will also import high-quality items from Europe and South Africa.

Some of the imported trademarks will form the nucleus of Shekem's new boutique philosophy. Sections of its stores will feature several mini stores — each with a comprehensive range of garments under one brand name.

If the new fall/winter collection

unveiled by Shekem this week is a sign of things to come, all one can say is that the change was long overdue.

Downtown has been replaced by casual chic in minimalist leisure-time and career-oriented designs dominated by soft tailoring and mid-thigh skirts. The mini, whether in A-line or tubular style, has definitely come back. There wasn't a single knee-length or longer skirt in sight.

Jackets accentuate both shoulders and waist. Most are hip length, but some are cropped and jauntily elegant. Red, jazzed up by Lurex flecks is one of the key-note colors, as are pastel pinks and blues. Other important colors on the fall/winter palette are black, charcoal gray, off-white and beige.

Old favorites making a comeback include quilted jackets, ribbed sweater dresses in micro-mini lengths teamed with textured tights, and mannish suits in tone-on-tone gray stripes.

Shekem has also upgraded its accessories department, and the shoes worn by the models were good examples of the value of one-stop shopping. Boots are obviously going to be tops in footwear, though thankfully without the exaggerated platform soles and chunky heels which distorted Israeli feet this summer. For those with more classic tastes, there were also slim-heeled shoes with almond toes and reed-thin heels with pointed toes.

Conceptually, the menswear lines were much more image-conscious, conveying that rugged sporting look that goes in tandem with power and strength.

Who would have believed as recently as five years ago that Shekem would cater to yuppies?

To print or not to print Holocaust ads

EDITORS of American college newspapers describe a common scenario:

Their advertising departments receive an ad informing the public of a debate on Holocaust issues. While editors are wary, they cannot justify disallowing publication.

Then a follow-up ad appears, which painstakingly explains the Holocaust is false — or at least exaggerated. Editors are in a quandary. To publish or not to publish?

Holocaust revisionism, long relegated to obscure newsletters, has shot to the forefront of hot topics on American college campuses, as university newspaper editors weigh publishing a falsehood against the duty to allow objectionable points of view.

By targeting the college papers, historical revisionists have forced college editors to confront the issue of what can and should be published.

The Anti-Defamation League, recognizing the future impact of these budding journalists, has created a program to educate editors from America about this and other topics relating to the Jewish community both here and abroad.

On a recent visit here, a group of US college newspaper editors discussed the role their publications play in society, Ezra Olman reports

The ADL recently took student editors representing 13 college newspapers — including those of Dartmouth, Harvard, Johns Hopkins and Notre Dame — on a three-day trip to Holocaust sites in Poland such as the Warsaw Ghetto and Auschwitz. This was followed by a week in Israel, during which they toured the country and were briefed by Israeli and Palestinian authorities on the current political processes in the Middle East.

"Today's student editors are tomorrow's journalists," said ADL national director Abraham Foxman. "We want to broaden their horizons and help them develop a sensitivity to the Holocaust and issues of concern to the Jewish community."

During their visit to Israel, the student editors discussed the role of their newspapers within the framework of current events, in-

cluding those in Israel.

"Our job as a college paper is to educate society," said Melanie Simpson of the University of Mississippi. "With the world getting smaller, we need to know what's going on everywhere, not just our own country."

For those in the group who were visiting Israel for the first time, one of the most astonishing features of the country was its size, or lack thereof.

"This morning in Jerusalem, I saw the Dome of the Rock, and right there was the Western Wall, and nearby was the Holy Sepulcher," said Vanderbilt University student editor Ryan Woodward. "When you're in America you just don't realize the proximity of these places."

Besides the barrage of lectures and appointments, the trip gave students an opportunity to discuss with their colleagues many

of the potential problems that may arise in the coming year. Following their visit to Poland, the issue of Holocaust revisionists sparked spontaneous debate among the participants.

About half of the editors reported that their papers had run Holocaust revisionists' ads in the past. But when the editors were asked if they would print similar ads in future, all but one said no.

Voicing the majority opinion, Duke University editor Sanjay Bhatt gave his rationale for rejecting a Holocaust revisionist ad.

Part of the editorial mission is to chronicle historical events. When someone prints an ad denying the Holocaust, the public may dismiss it as extremist. But there's a chance some will believe there are two sides to the story. And that's antithetical to our mission as chroniclers of history."

The other side of the argument was offered by the ex-editor-in-chief of the Michigan State University newspaper, Kyle Melinn. He was the only participant who said that, in a hypothetical case, he would run a revisionist's ad.

"I don't think it's up to newspapers to suppress views — no matter how ludicrous or far-fetched they are," Melinn said. "My opinion is that you insult your readers' intelligence by suppressing and pretending this type of mentality doesn't exist."

University of Wisconsin-Madison editor Richard Schwartz countered, "I wouldn't want the newspaper to run a forum on fiction. We won't knowingly publish anything that's misleading."

Jeff Ross, director of the ADL Campus Affairs Department, helped coordinate the trip and escorted the students in Poland and Israel. He feels the mission, now in its third year of sponsorship by private philanthropy and the State of Israel Office of Academic Affairs, succeeds in educating tomorrow's reporters.

"Once you're here in Israel," said Ross, "the situation becomes an existential reality for you. Our view is that the country speaks for itself."

Drug kingpins' changing of the guard

In more prosperous days, drug traffickers hosted village festivals, providing food and liquor to peasants who toiled on their ranches in the lush countryside north of Cali.

Small planes stuffed with cocaine skidded off dirt airstrips hidden in sugarcane fields. Bodies of murder victims washed up on riverbanks. Police took bribes and kept quiet.

Police raids, launched under pressure from Washington, changed all that. Six old-line leaders of the Cali drug cartel have been arrested or surrendered since June. Others are in hiding.

But authorities say a new breed of drug kingpins is emerging to take their place — many of them only in their 20s, they are already millionaires and ready to kill anyone who gets in their way.

"These are the violent ones. They control the hit men, they're well-armed and they're not interested in turning themselves in," said Lt. Col. Addon Aldana, chief of police in Armenia, a city north of Cali.

While the names of the Cali cartel leaders — the brothers Gilberto and Miguel Rodriguez Orejuela, Jose Santacruz Londono — are infamous, the emerging second tier of leaders is relatively unknown. Prosecutors are now building cases against some of them.

Juan Carlos Ramirez is a reputed trafficker in his late 20s whose nickname is "Chupeta" (Lollipop). He learned English while dealing drugs in the US for several years, said a cartel associate who requested anonymity. Ramirez is wanted on illegal enrichment charges.

Arturo de Jesus Herrera, nicknamed "Banana," has been linked to the massacre of 13 farm workers in October 1993.

After the six Cali cartel leaders were arrested, President Ernesto Samper declared the Cali cartel dead. The cartel supplied 80 percent of the world's cocaine and a large share of its heroin.

Samper, accused of using Cali cartel money to win last year's elections, went after the drug kingpins amid threats from Washington that aid to Colombia would be cut unless some of the major traffickers were arrested.

US and some Colombian officials now worry that Samper is taking the pressure off prematurely. Units of an elite security

force that hunted Cali traffickers are already transferring to Bogota to fight common crime.

"There's a second tier and a third tier and a fourth tier and these guys must be arrested to dismantle the [cartel] superstructure," said Thomas Constantine, head of the US Drug Enforcement Administration.

While raids are continuing, it's not clear how long they will last.

Last week, a convoy of police trucks rumbled up a palm tree-lined drive to a luxurious farmhouse in the fertile North Valley near Cali.

Police searched the grounds but found only farm workers. "I could stay here all day," joked Maj. Carlos Sotelo.

Pressured by the raids, many drug traffickers are shifting their home base and refining labs, at least temporarily, to the Caribbean coast and the eastern plains, according to police and local residents, interviewed on condition of anonymity.

However some drug dealers still venture out for a little pageantry.

Ranchers, some with beepers and gold wristwatches, rode in a horse parade last week in the town of Bugalagrande. Among them was Arcangel de Jesus Henao, a suspected trafficker.

Surrounded by mounted bodyguards, Henao greeted spectators as his horse pranced into the town square.

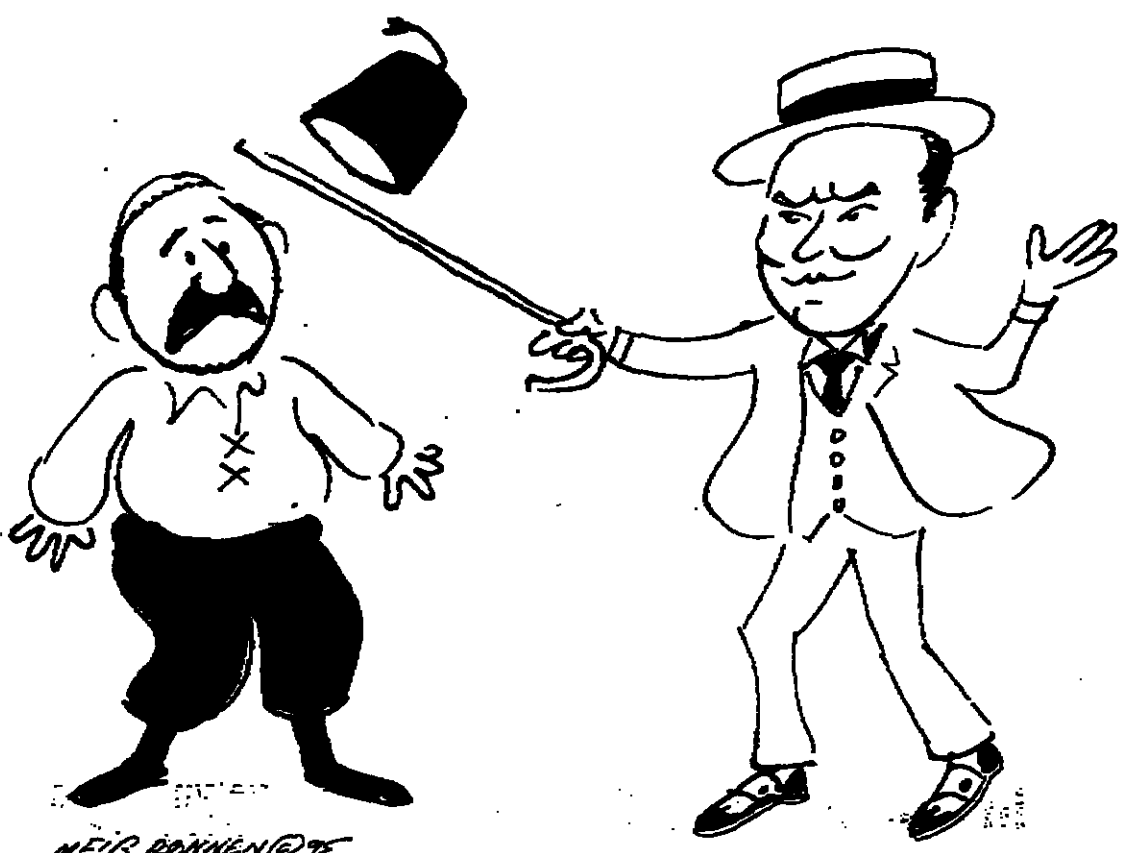
US drug agents believe the arrests of the six Cali cartel leaders signals an end to its power to corrupt virtually all government levels. The ones emerging to take their place lack the sophistication of the imprisoned Cali cartel leaders, who forged links to business and government.

But law enforcement officials fear the imprisoned kingpins can make a comeback by corrupting officials to conduct business from jail.

Despite the crackdown, there has been little effect on the flow of cocaine entering the US, said Sergio Uribe, a researcher at the University of the Andes in Bogota.

Traffickers were prepared, he said, and had stockpiled tons of cocaine in Mexico and Central America.

"There seems to be a great amount of cocaine sitting there just for this type of emergency," said Uribe. (AP)



The hat's different, the town's the same

THIS remote province, once a staging ground for one of Turkey's most radical cultural reforms, remained largely forgotten on Sunday's anniversary of the forced introduction of the European-style hat to the Turkish wardrobe.

Kemal Ataturk, creator of modern Turkey, toured Kastamonu 70 years ago to campaign against what he saw as twin threats to his new secular state: the "uncivilized" fez and the Islamic brotherhoods.

But his effort — culminating in the "hat speech" on August 27, 1925, that introduced the "cover with a brim" — has done little for Kastamonu, still a neglected corner of western Turkey bordering the Black Sea.

Most of the town's women wear head scarves, and the men frequently don the knitted cap popular among Turkey's Islamists.

"Nothing has changed here, we have not been integrated [into the Turkish economy]," said Suleyman Yucel, the town's mayor.

There is virtually no industry and little investment in Kastamonu's agrarian economy, Yucel said. Hundreds of thousands have left the province in search of work in Istanbul.

"We've been forgotten," said the mayor.

Largely ignored, too, was the anniversary — at least by Turkey's political leaders, who generally make ceremonial appearances at the drop of a hat.

Only a delegation from Crimea and dancers from the Caucasus joined the festivities. At the Kastamonu museum, two bored soldiers on leave pored over the grainy black-and-white photographs recording Ataturk's tour. Curator Suleyman Filiz said the nearby skeleton of a Roman woman was a bigger draw.

In its day, the hat speech was as radical a development as any of the changes surrounding the rise of secular Turkey. One Ataturk biographer called it "an open declaration of national policy in which civilization was equated with costume."

In modern Turkey, Western-style clothing is dominant in the cities but traditional baggy trousers and Moslem skullcaps retain their popularity in rural areas.

The wearing of the fez, once a symbol of Ottoman power, died out quickly after it was outlawed. Today they are rarely seen, except on sale at touristic sites.

Ataturk also used his Kastamonu tour to outlaw the Islamic orders and seize their property.

Riots broke out in November 1925 in conservative eastern Turkey when parliament followed Ataturk's lead and formally banned the fez and required men to wear the hat.

Three months before, the hero of Turkish independence had astounded his listeners in the Black Sea port of Inebolu by branding the fez and the cloak as uncivilized.

The museum's exhibit reveals Ataturk sporting a gleaming panama hat throughout his visit. His aides gamely followed his example, some clutching the new headgear with ill-concealed suspicion.

The soldiers in the museum, however, were skeptical that Ataturk's drive had done much to change ingrained social and political attitudes in the tradition-bound province.

"It's easy to change people's hats, it's not easy to change their minds," said Mehmet Gitmez. "Changing the hat is easy, but the hat must change me." (Reuters)

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Turning point in Bosnia

BOSNIAN Serbs cannot say they weren't warned. In fact United Nations and NATO warnings have been issued so often, it is perhaps understandable the Serbs learned to ignore them and to continue their assaults on UN safe areas with impunity. They will do so no longer, now the worm that has been eating international willpower has finally turned.

For better or worse, a major crossroads has at last been reached in the Balkan war, with the devastating pounding NATO air forces yesterday unleashed on Serb military targets. The Serbian massacre of 37 civilians in Sarajevo the previous day finally closed the last trip-wire holding back international exasperation. The shelling of the Sarajevo marketplace was a particularly ugly act of bad faith, given that it came bang in the middle of a new US peace initiative.

The Serbs missed several obvious points in their miscalculations. In the first place, the new peace proposals are American, not European, and the warring parties in Bosnia should have been well aware that trying Washington's patience is an altogether different game from thumbing noses at the European Union. The Clinton administration was all the more sensitive to its peace initiative after its top three negotiators were killed in an accident - it would have been politically suicidal for any US president to allow the perception that his representatives died in vain.

The Serbs also missed the very significant handover of power last month from the UN Secretary General to his field commanders in the matter of ordering air strikes. The new, shorter, chain of command is exactly the way NATO is supposed to work and the result was obvious yesterday in the biggest military operation of the organization's history. Unlike previous air strikes - mere pinpricks tentatively authorized by the overly cautious Boutros Boutros-Ghali - NATO at last wiped out two years of humiliation in the hands of bumbling bureaucrats. It was extremely foolish of the Serbs not to realize that their capture of the Srebrenica safe area on July 11 - and subsequent outrageous massacre of hundreds of prisoners of war - left the United Nations and NATO with one simple choice in response to the next atrocity - fight back or get out.

The Serbs chose to kill Sarajevo civilians, and NATO at last pushed the United Nations over the line from peace keeping to peace enforcing. It was also clear yesterday that official United Nations and European dithering

over decisions that might offend Russia was just another futile excuse for doing nothing. The Russians as expected condemned the air strikes, as well as the Serb shelling that provoked them, but it was clear that behind the diplomatic language there was a great deal of acceptance in Moscow of the NATO action. This again is convincing proof that decisive action can be admired even by parties disagreeing with it, whereas bumbling compromise and weakness wins no wars nor peace nor respect.

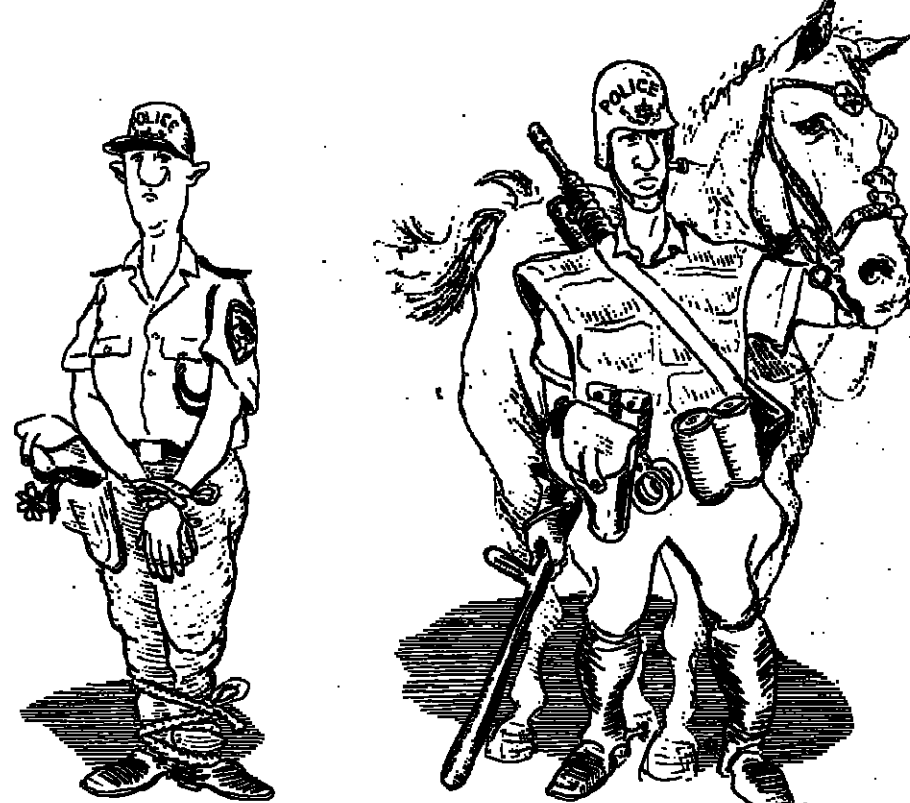
Bluster was to be expected as an initial Bosnian Serb reaction. The real test of the success of the operation will come if Belgrade's Serb leadership finally pulls the rug from under its Bosnian allies and admits that the "greater Serbia" dream is finally over. No one, even among the Serbs' foreign allies in Russia or Greece, has suggested that yesterday's bombing was an act of vengeance or wanton destruction. The Western objectives are clear and simple - a restoration of respect for international law and a final push for effective peace negotiations.

What will happen now remains an open question. At the crossroads, there are two routes. The Serbs may be bombed to the negotiating table, or they may opt for all-out war with the United Nations. The latter would be an extremely foolish choice and it must be hoped that renewed Serb shelling of Sarajevo yesterday was no more than a knee-jerk reaction of bravado. Even Bosnian Serb generals must know now that NATO roused and American-backed is a different beast from a retreating United Nations.

There are other dangers for the peace enforcers. The Bosnian Muslims and Croats must not be allowed to run off with the impression that they have enrolled international forces on their side, nor must they be allowed to take military advantage of the destruction of Serb armaments. NATO's role must be clearly spelled out as peace enforcing, not war mongering. There is still no question of foreign ground troops being committed to the conflict and the lightly armed UN forces are still more likely to pull out than to beef up their presence.

It is now time for all involved in this wretched war - which has outlasted post-communist conflicts in Azerbaijan, Chechnya, Georgia, and Moldova - to realize that the game has played itself out. For Serbs, the time has come to cut a deal. Serbs have Serbia, Croats have Croatia, Slovenians have Slovenia, Macedonians have Macedonia and all that remains is for those who feel Bosnian - whatever their other ethnic stripes - to be allowed to carve out a home and future for themselves.

POLICE PREPARING FOR DEMONSTRATIONS



BY PALESTINIANS

BY THE 'RIGHT WING'

The demeaning of Mitla

IN this country, it's easier to make history than write it. Numerous examples include the creation of the state in 1948, the battle to ward off the invasion of Arab armies, the conquest of Sinai in 1956, the Six Day War, the crossing of Suez in 1973, and so on.

But when learned professors, veterans with fading memories, historians, politicians with a fixed agenda, or authors with an eye on royalties decide to tell the world what really happened, problems arise. In many cases, the more distant the writer from the actual events, the freer he or she feels to explain what really happened.

Even more dangerous is the breed of "trembling Israelites" or self-hating Jews, who have been a curse to our people throughout history. For instance, despite documented orders from Arab leaders to local Arabs to abandon their homes and flee so that invading armies could destroy the newborn state, we read that "Israel expelled the Arabs." We have the example of Yael Dayan rubbing the reputation of her father Moshe Dayan, regarded by Jews everywhere as one of the great heroes of modern times.

The recent revelation that Israelis "murdered" Egyptian soldiers in the vicinity of the Mitla Pass in the 1956 war made headlines worldwide. Local bleeding-heart moralists had an opportunity to pour out their inner guilt.

Now Egyptian leaders are exploiting the issue to demonstrate their hostility to Israel to their fundamentalist critics.

President Mubarak is demanding that "guilty" Israelis be put on trial. Professional groups in Cairo are launching legal actions against Israel for heavy damages. Egyptian Ambassador Mohamed Bassiouny wants Deputy Foreign Minister Eli Dayan to supply full official details of the "murders."

The craven-hearted deputy foreign minister (so unlike his more famous one-eyed namesake) has promised to hand over a full account of IDF investigations as quickly as possible.

Contrast this attitude to that of Dayan's boss, Shimon Peres who, in his best-selling book *David's Slingshot*, eulogized the 400 heroic Mitla soldiers: "They enveloped in their parachutes the destiny of Israel," he wrote.

Others, like the British historian Col. Enriquez in his book *100 Hours to Suez*, hailed the Mitla action as brilliant and imaginative.

In conducting long-distance operations, Mitla paved the way for the 1976 Entebbe rescue.

SO WHAT really happened at Mitla?

Cowriter of this column Uri Dan was a war correspondent and one of the paratroopers at Mitla.

He says: "At the time, Israel had only two wheezing helicopters and no planes to make such a major drop. I was astonished at Tel Nof airport to find 16 DC3 Dakotas and Nord-Atlas lent us by our French allies. Major 'Rafal' Eitan inspired us by saying: 'This is one of the most daring operations by our soldiers for 2,000 years.'

"We had to fly 200 km. behind the front line of battle in Sinai to seize the Mitla Pass, to prevent the Egyptians getting reinforcements to their army. We made the drop at 5 p.m. on October 29. We fought a bitter nine-hour battle. On the 31st we were ambushed by the Egyptians. We

URI DAN
DENNIS EISENBERG

were in a desperate situation. No reinforcements could reach us. We were surrounded on all sides.

"We were all very young. We didn't speak about it - but we felt isolated and lonely out there.

"But how my colleagues fought! It was a fight to the death for [the enemy] and for us. I remember praying: 'Please let me survive. I want to see my mother again.'

Oh, those self-hating Jews who give comfort to our enemies. And oh, the contempt in which our enemies hold them

"The fighting only ended when every Egyptian was dead. I saw our own 38 dead and 120 wounded laid out. Moshe Dayan hailed the courage of the 400 paratroopers by awarding each one of us with a red cloth tab on our chests where we carry the paratrooper emblem. Nobody else has the right to wear such a tab to honor the blood of fallen comrades.

"Now suddenly I'm told that I am a murderer," Dan says.

"Yes, we killed Egyptians; we didn't murder them. Arye Biro, who claims he shot Egyptian prisoners, demeans our fallen soldiers. He demeans himself too."

Revisionist histories and news-

paper articles give the impression that our heroes had feet of clay. It is not only the Egyptians who are trying to make political capital out of the "murder" of their soldiers. Their voices are echoed here by those calling for inquiries into what really happened in the cruel desert all those years ago.

The Egyptians' contempt for self-denigrating Israelis who want to appease the outside world at all costs was demonstrated by Mubarak earlier this week. Asked by an Israeli TV reporter for his reaction to the "murder" of Egyptian soldiers at Mitla, the sneer on his face spoke volumes. His voice full of contempt, he said, witheringly: "It was not us Egyptians who claimed that you killed our soldiers. You Israelis said it."

(There is now belated proof that the Egyptians murdered Israelis in cold blood in the Yom Kippur War, but this is deemed totally irrelevant. The damage to Israel's reputation has already been done; and nobody is interested in reading about Egyptian atrocities.)

The revelation of the "crime" committed by the IDF will feed the Egyptian government's growing campaign of hostility toward Israel. It will strengthen the hand of the country's fundamentalists, and those around the world who forever blame Israel for all the ills of the Middle East.

The "trembling Israelites" may yet find themselves like the scorpion that stings itself to death.

The writers are authors of *The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East*.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Meet Mrs. Harun - all 10 of them. The dearly beloveds are married to religious teacher Abdul Talib Harun of Malaysia, a lady's man who went a bit too far. He was sentenced to 25 months of jail for having too many brides (he's allowed four). The houseful of wives (in dark couture, pictured leaving the courthouse) were also sentenced to prison terms ranging from one to three months.

Like an idiot

SARA MARTIN

'DON'T worry, most people speak English in Israel," they told me.

Fine, I thought. That suits me. With school French my major linguistic achievement, five years' study just about managed to get me a hotel room in Provence and the right kind of baguette. And many years of making the English language my livelihood had eradicated any desire to express myself in anything else.

Learning Hebrew, then, wasn't a major priority during my year's stay in Israel.

It's hard enough to get across what you really mean in your own language, I figured, so how on earth can you expect to be truly understood in someone else's?

For my first two weeks in the country I managed, smiling and gesticulating, speaking English loudly and clearly in a way that no foreigner can fail to understand.

It worked - up to a point. Then I started to feel uncomfortable.

It wasn't so much to do with making myself understood as understanding other people.

There's something about being cut off from street life, from what people are saying on buses and in stores that denies you essential in-

If you want to learn Hebrew, forget your dignity - and your English

formation about the mood and concerns of the country as a whole.

Switching on the TV to be confronted by familiar pictures linked to an indistinguishable babble of sound was also frustrating. And there's a limit to the number of times you can ask more fluent friends for explanations. "What did she say?" "What's that about?"

Suddenly, I had no excuse. I wasn't a tourist, hopping in and out of the country in a matter of weeks. I would just, as my school reports used to say, "have to try harder." If I didn't get to grips with Hebrew, I would be insular and unintegrated. I would remain an outsider.

FOR ANYONE over the age of 10, though, learning Hebrew is easier said than done. I had heard of immigrant kids, thrown into the school system, whose Hebrew went from nil to near-perfect in six months.

I quickly discovered that linguistic ability declines in proportion to one's years. But was the process physical or psychological? Had my Hebrew-learning brain cells atrophied - or was I simply scared of appearing a fool?

For any articulate person, expressing oneself like a four-year-old is fraught with a sense of powerlessness. Americans, I noticed, seemed to have particular difficulty.

When your dignity and position rest on your making sense when you open your mouth, it's galling to hear your yourself sounding like a complete idiot. Risking making mistakes, practicing feeling stupid, these are an implicit part of using a foreign language.

Learning Hebrew, you don't learn only Hebrew. You learn to drop your pride, shed your inhibitions, be the extrovert you never suspected you were.

Something else happens. For a while, you become estranged from your own language. That's the hard part. Talking to so many people from different countries, using degenerate versions of English to be understood, you suddenly find that your English is getting as simplified and facile as your Hebrew.

Language has a mystical aspect. It's partly imbued from the air that surrounds you. Even if you go round muttering to yourself in English, even if you speak it to your friends, it's Hebrew that's in the ether. It interferes and impinges.

Now there are embarrassing pauses as I try to remember anything past basic English. And as for Hebrew, it'll be years before I feel competent, before I can articulate complex thoughts rapidly and lucidly.

It's a strange, betwixt-and-between state, this process of gradually losing English before I've acquired Hebrew. It's like being deaf to the world.

Shall I bother trying to communicate with anybody in the meantime?

The writer is a journalist from Britain.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ILLOGICAL ARGUMENTS

Sir, - The flights of rhetoric produced to support illogical arguments in readers' letters never cease to astonish. The August 11 issue produced an exceptional crop.

Firstly, Marc Zell and Moshe Dann invented a new concept in political organization. Civil disobedience is justified solely as a tool to be used against totalitarian or non-democratic regimes. By no stretch of the imagination can lawless behavior by a tiny minority be construed as "salutary and essential" to the preservation of democracy. To equate the actions of self-opinionated zealots, in seizing hilltops and blocking main traffic arteries of the country, with the sacrifice of men like Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King, is an insult to all who truly believe in civil rights and democracy. Zell and Dann might care to remember that the fundamental proposition of democracy is rule by the majority. True, it is incumbent on that majority not to trample roughshod on the rights of the minority, but hooligan behavior must inevitably strain the public patience.

Secondly, Eric Gutwillig, in his concern over "whatever happened to Abba Eban," initially denies that worthy's right to adjust his views in over 30 years of changing circumstances. But Mr. Gutwillig made a much more serious error in hinting at the content of Eban's 1967 wisdom. Eban was not advocating that Israel had eternal rights to the Golan - or to Gaza, Judea and Samaria. His advocacy, as foreign minister of Israel, was for the proposition that we had every right to defend ourselves in a war that was forced on us. At that time, the world community was concerned with "return of territories" - not with questions of autonomy. Those were only to come after 1977 in the agreements signed between Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin. To confuse Mr. Gutwillig's logic even more, some of us still remember that Eban was among the tiny minority of cabinet ministers who, before the Six Days, voted against going to war, even though the alternative was a noose around our necks and the physical threat of extinction. To imply that Abba Eban was actually arguing for an eternally enlarged Israel is patently

ridiculous.

Lastly, Mrs Gutwillig - like many other letter writers - implies that terrorism would not exist without the Oslo accords. The simple truth is that, even if we turn back from the road to peace, the terror will continue. The only real answer to Hamas (and to the settlers) is to speed up the peace process by a finite number of days or weeks for each time they commit acts of violence (or civil disobedience). The result would be something akin to a lesson that "crime" does not pay. Neither Arab terrorists nor Jewish zealots have the right to deny peace to two nations.

L. YUVAL

Ramat Hasharon.

ACT OF COURAGE

Sir, - Two letters recently appeared on Jonathan Pollard (Alan Silver, August 8, and Leon Street, August 13). Both falsely state that Pollard was "a traitor to his country." He was never even accused of this crime, no less convicted of it. He was sentenced to life imprisonment for passing classified information to a US ally whose civilians would have been potential innocent victims without the vital intelligence. Judge Stephen Williams, who reviewed the sentencing procedures, declared that that represented "a gross miscarriage of justice."

Mr. Street should heed his own words when he says that a serious assessment cannot be made "by an outsider without access to the facts."

As a former Middle East intelligence analyst for US intelligence, I can say without qualification that Jonathan Pollard is an American hero. He followed the dictate of his conscience in foiling his superiors' suppression of vital intelligence which would have resulted in innocent Israeli civilian casualties. He knew he would suffer severe consequences, yet he acted. He said: "I'd rather rot in prison than sit shiva for hundreds of thousands of Israelis because of my cowardice."

Yes, Jonathan Pollard is an American hero: the American-initiated Nuremberg judgments of 1946 mandate his selfless act of courage.

BRUCE BRILL

Tekoa.

DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS

Sir, - As a faithful reader of your *Eye on the Media*, I am always appalled by the way foreign news organizations distort facts and take things out of context when it comes to Israel or Jewish issues. It is all the more disquieting to see that *The Jerusalem Post* does the exact same thing when it suits its own needs. The latest case in point: your editorial on August 24.

According to this editorial, Yasser Arafat - by saying about the Beit Lid bombers "was it necessary to divulge their names and that they came from Gaza?" - supposedly admonished the Islamic Jihad to keep details on terror acts secret, in order to deprive the GSS of any evidence. However, it was quite clear from the context of Arafat's words at the time that this was no admonition to the Jihad. In fact, Arafat had posed the rhetorical question in order to explain that with their horrendous act, the bombers meant not only to hurt Israel, but also to discredit the PA. Why else - so Arafat's reasoning - would it have been necessary to divulge these facts?

Please, *Jerusalem Post*, take your own advice: whatever you may think of Arafat and his entourage, don't tear quotes out of their context in order to make them fit your needs.

GEORGE SZPIRO

Jerusalem.

The speech's videotape makes it difficult not to reach the conclusion that Arafat was admonishing Islamic Jihad for not covering tracks rather than for the deed itself. ED. J.P.

ENGLISH TV NEWS

Sir, - On more than one occasion, English TV news, scheduled for 6:15 p.m., is canceled due to the broadcast of a soccer match. No notice is given of this change and finally at 6:45 p.m., news in Arabic is shown.

Apparently, English is considered a secondary language which, in view of its importance as the international language for tourists and diplomats, is a gross misjudgment.

BARBARA SENATOR-LIPMAN

Netanya.

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A struggle unveiled: Iraqi women speak up

UN sanctions have taken their toll on Iraqi women, Icelandic journalist **Johanna Kristjonsdottir** writes in this special report to the 'Post'

WE are rotting from the inside, rotting as human beings," declared Fadela Humaidi, a board member of the Federation of Iraqi Women. "Women don't have the energy to do anything but basic housework. They do not get any intellectual stimulation or encouragement."

UN sanctions have drastically changed the lives of Iraqi women over the last few years. As well as crippling Iraq's economy, the trade embargo, which was imposed on Iraq after the Gulf war to prevent it from developing nuclear weapons, has forced its women to focus on survival instead of advancement.

These days, Humaidi explained, Iraqi women's first concern is finding enough food to feed their families. "So how can they think of anything else?" she asked. "Before, we Iraqis were in many ways materialistic — we liked to buy all sorts of beautiful things for our homes. We had beautiful clothes. We liked traveling. We loved to read books, enjoy poetry [and] paint pictures. We wanted our children to have the best of everything."

Now, each day, thousands of families line up in front of the headquarters of the Red Crescent in Baghdad, hoping to receive a bowl of soup, a little bit of bread and, maybe, an orange or a glass of milk for their children.

Though those who queue know the food will run out long before the line does — the Red Crescent gets only 10% of the supplies it needs — there is no pushing, no noise.

The children whimper and cling to their parents. The parents, staring blankly ahead, don't have the strength to make demands, or to cry. If they don't get something here today, so be it. *Inshallah* (if God permits); they might get something tomorrow.

THIS IS a far cry from the country that Humaidi was proud to be a citizen of only a few years ago.

"Iraqi women were the pillars of the society and they were eager to get an education, get equal status and equal salary to men," Humaidi said. "Permit me to say they were successful. I am not saying that all the males were happy about this, but the majority accepted it as a fact. And they were proud of their women."

"The important role of women was evident in the Iran-Iraq war when the men had to go to the battlefields and the women had to take care of everything. Not only housework and caring for the children, they had to work in the offices, in banks, in the fields, building houses — you name it, they were there and they proved that they were really to take responsibility. They were determined to maintain this status. They dreamed of an even better future for their daughters.... Now this is history."

Nowadays, young girls are dropping out of school in their thousands to beg on the streets or help with the housework. Their families long ago sold their valuable possessions — TV sets, carpets, dresses, jewelry and washing machines — in order to buy food. They have sold everything not essential to day-to-day survival and have returned to a life unaided by modern tools.

Even the girls who do remain in school face hardships, says Frados Rahman, the mistress of a girls' school located in a once-wealthy neighborhood of Baghdad. Rahman, who has taught for almost 30 years, is deeply concerned about her pupils.

"Many come to the school in the morning without having had breakfast," she said. "We don't have any cafeteria here, and some of them don't bring any lunch with them. What is worse is that some of them fear they will

not get food in the evening either.... Sometimes the girls faint in class and, in general, they find it hard to concentrate on their schoolwork because they are always thinking of food."

"I don't know if we can handle this much longer," she added. "I hardly think it is worth mentioning that we don't get any new textbooks, not even pencils or paper, but [only] the absolute necessities. Somehow, it is not the main issue, in spite of it being our task to teach."

POVERTY DOESN'T just affect the family, according to Humaidi, it affects the whole community. "[This] is bringing us all back in every respect, making us think little of ourselves, [and feel] ashamed of being Iraqis. I consider that a grave danger."

Humaidi's sentiments are echoed by the wife of a professor. "A new sickness is spreading in the country — we are drying up emotionally," she said. "We are being killed slowly, slowly. And as this happens all our good qualities are disappearing. All our potential and values are being distorted. The crime rate is going up fast. Baghdad, which used to be safe and clean, is getting dirty and dangerous."

"I was born here and I loved this city. Now it is like its inhabitants, unbelievably sad."

She looked around her large apartment, which was once tastefully furnished with Persian carpets, a large TV, leather furniture, copper antiques, paintings by famous European and Arab artists, and shelf after shelf of books.

Now it is more or less empty. There is one table, a radio and an old sofa.

"We even think with nostalgia of the time when the war raged between Iran and Iraq," she continued. "We had fear, of course. Many lost husbands, sons, brothers,



An Iraqi mother comforts her two sick children. For the past few years, UN sanctions have drastically reduced access to food and medical care. (Johanna Kristjonsdottir)

ers, fathers, for sure. But in many ways, we had a good life. And we had the sympathy of the world. Now we are like pariahs — shunned by everybody."

"And the weird thing is that all the suffering makes many people love Saddam Hussein even more. 'We — at least some of us — believe that we should support him because he has done everything to protect us from a world that has turned its back on us and is looking on our humiliation with an ugly grin or, at best, complete lack of interest. We don't blame our president. This is really the fault of the Americans and the filthy rich Gulf Arabs.'"

The professor's wife was dressed in a shapeless black abaya — not because she was religious, but because she had sold most of her fashionable European dresses. She needed the money to obtain medicine from Jordan for her husband, who has been suffering from a heart ailment for two years. The medication he needs is not imported to

Iraq because it is technically — or theoretically — possible to use it in weapon production, and is therefore on the UN blacklist.

Her husband is better off than most. Hospitals no longer accept people over 60 because they don't have the drugs or facilities to treat them. Approximately 400 children die every day — 146,000 a year.

Despite everything, the professor's wife tries to be optimistic. "You know, Iraq is a plentiful and rich country," she said. "One day the sanctions will be lifted. We will get food and medicine for our children. We will regain the strength to laugh again — and to cry, to play, to sing. Gradually, we will again be accepted in the international community, and stop suffering from this horrible complex. We will gradually get our self-respect back. And, in spite of all the deaths, all the suffering, Iraq and the Iraqis will prosper again."

She paused. Then she whispered one word: "Inshallah."

Rearrange time and everyone may be better off

DEAR RUTHIE
RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie,
I am divorced and share custody of our two-year-old. I am involved with a divorced man, who also has shared custody of his two young kids. Initially, the days I had with my son coincided with the days he spent with his children. On those days, he and I did not see each other.

My problem is that his ex-wife just started a new job, and due to her new schedule, they have reversed their custody arrangement. Now, he will have the kids on the days when I am free. Seeing him will be difficult, since we both like to go out in the evening only when we are not with our kids. Both of us work during the day, and do not yet want to make a habit of being together in front of the kids. What can I do?

Curtailed by Custody
Somewhere in Israel

Dear C by C,
You could ask your ex-husband if he minds switching days with you. Perhaps he will have no objection.

You could break your own rules about not going out at night on your "custody" days. After all, if you were still married, you would be getting a baby-sitter occasionally.

Or, you could alternate visiting each other at night, after the children are asleep. Whichever of you is "childless" could make the trek to the other's house.

If the relationship is serious, and continues to develop, you'll be introducing one another to the children anyway at some point. If it doesn't last, there was no loss. In the meantime, talk on the phone a lot. You could even agree on shared custody of the bill.

Dear Ruthie,
I made aliyah five years ago. I have no family in Israel. I have a job I like and a few good friends.

But being single in this country is very hard socially, particularly for single women like myself. Every one at work is married and has children. It was always my goal to settle here, but I can't help thinking that my life would be easier if I went back home near my family, and near other single people. It's not marriage I crave per se, but a wider social circle.

Unsettled Single
Somewhere in Israel

Dear Singled Out,
As one gets older in any country, the number of one's single peers decreases. And, whether marriage is something you crave or not, you too may find yourself married one of these days.

The question to ask yourself is whether liking your job and fulfilling your goal through aliyah is sufficient cause to stay put long enough to become more socially settled. Don't forget that returning to your country of origin after a five-year absence will also require a social adjustment.

Dear Ruthie,
How can I be more assertive at work? I am afraid to speak my mind for fear of my boss, my coworkers, and even with my own secretary. My wishy-washiness is making me miserable.

Jiggling Jar of Jello
Somewhere in Israel

Dear JJJ,
Not even I can provide you with a zippy, sure-fire motto on which you can base some kind of miraculous transformation. However, I can assure you that if you do manage to overcome your "wishy-washiness" — through therapy or otherwise — you will be met with a greater degree of respect and even affection.

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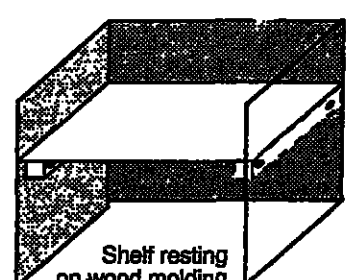
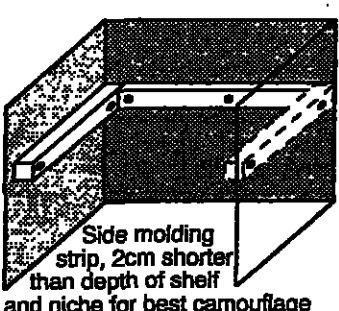
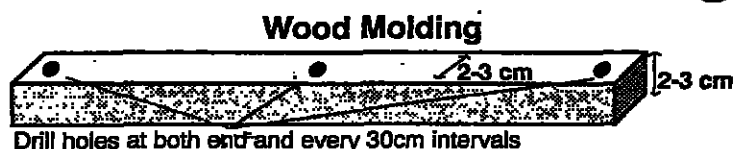
NICHES are all the rage these days. So much so that when a natural niche does not present itself in a home, architects get busy designing them through decorative special effects.

Finding or creating a little niche for ourselves is only half the battle, however. Once you've got one, you've got to decide what to do with it.

A common function for these "sunken treasures" is book shelving. One of the most attractive ways to install shelves in a niche is to have them appear as though they are suspended in midair, without the usual view of brackets you get when you hang a shelf on a wall.

This way, the niche itself becomes the bookcase's body. You can install such shelves by using wood molding.

Materials required: drill (mak-deha); 6.5-mm masonry bit (mak-deah vidia); 4-mm metal bit (mak-deah barzel); anchors (dib-belim); wood screws (bragei etc.) — at least two for each strip of wood molding, and an additional one for every 30 cm length of molding; molding (leistim) — three strips for each shelf (size depends on the size of the shelf and the niche: the width and thickness should be between 2 x 2 cm and 3 x 3 cm; the length of two



of the strips should be 2 cm less than the depth of the niche, and the third should equal the width of the niche minus the sum of the thickness of the two others) to be purchased at a lumber or carpentry shop, ordered to size; tape-measure (meter); screwdriver (mavreg); and a thin, sharp pencil.

When installing or building any kind of shelf, you should always keep in mind that the longer the shelf and the heavier the objects which will be placed on it, the greater the chance that there will be "midriff slump."

But if long is to your liking, you have to use thicker or stronger wood and/or reinforce the middle section with dowels or additional brackets.

In this case, since you are not going to be using brackets at all, the best way to ensure that the

shelf is equipped to bear the weight of its load is to place molding on all three walls of the niche (though it is possible to use molding strips only on either side of the shelf). The extra molding at the back of the niche should provide the support necessary to prevent the shelf from bending under the weight of books and bric-a-brac.

Directions: The trick here is to install the molding properly. The shelf can then simply be placed on top, and easily removed. (Note: as it is a rare niche which is perfectly even on all sides, you may need to use a shelf which is a bit smaller than the niche to ensure that it will fit inside.)

If you are a real stickler for precision, you can measure each corner and order shelves which are themselves uneven, but you

run the risk of making an error during measurement, and hence of wasting hard-earned shekels.)

After determining the desired shelf height, make a pencil mark on one side of the niche. Measure the distance from the ceiling of the niche to the pencil mark. Measure the thickness of the shelf. The sum of these two measurements will give you the distance from the ceiling of the niche to the top edge of the molding.

Make a mark close to the back of the niche this distance from the ceiling. Make a second mark close to the front of the niche exactly the same way. Draw a line connecting these two points. On a table or work bench, with

the drill and metal bit, drill a hole at either end of each molding strip (not close to any edge). (If the shelf is long, drill additional holes in 30-cm intervals between the two end holes.) Place the top edge of one of the side strips of molding (now with holes) along the pencil line inside the niche. While holding it in place, trace each hole with a thin sharp pencil onto the wall of the niche. Put aside.

With the drill and 6.5-mm masonry bit, drill into each tiny circle.

Insert anchors (tapping with the handle of the screwdriver) into the holes. Replace the strip and align its holes with those of the anchors in the niche. Insert

and drive screws through the holes.

Using the above measurements, repeat the whole process for the other side of the niche.

When both sides of molding are installed, rest the shelf on them. Placement of the last strip of molding should be determined with the shelf in place.

Hold the molding for the back of the niche in place (with its top edge touching the bottom of the shelf) and trace its holes onto the wall.

Put aside the shelf and the molding, and drill (with the masonry bit) into the marks. Insert the anchors as before.

Align the holes of the molding (as before) with the anchors. In-

sert and drive screws.

Repeat the whole process for subsequent shelves, using the bottom of each shelf as the "ceiling" from which to measure.

IN ANSWER to a reader's inquiry about installing heavy glass shelves in a niche with the least amount of visible fasteners and brackets: perform the same type of installation as above, but use plexiglass (perspex) molding. This can be ordered to size, and can be drilled just as wood molding.

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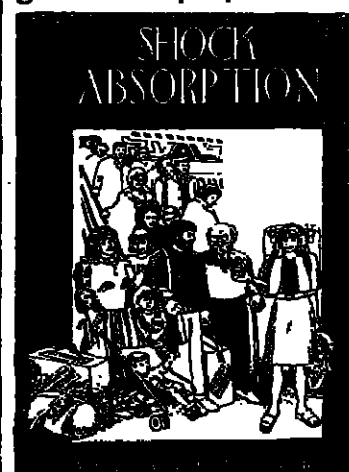
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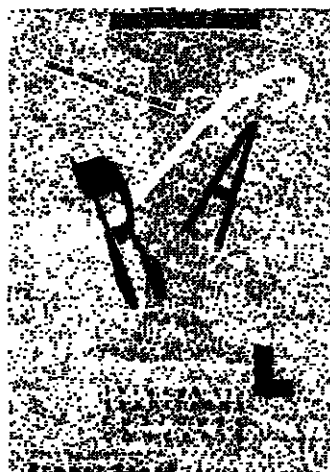
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 1995

Leumi earnings soar 162%

BANK Leumi reported yesterday a 162 percent growth in second-quarter net profits to NIS 71.8 million, from NIS 21.3m. in the same period last year.

Half-year net profits increased 84.4% to NIS 241m., from NIS 126.9m. Net return on equity increased to 8.7% on an annualized basis, from 4.9% in the same quarter last year.

Financing operations before provisions for doubtful debts rose 15.3% to NIS 654.5m., from NIS 567.7m. Earnings also grew due to a rise in interest rates and the difference between the actual and the known consumer price index.

Operating and other income increased 4.5% to NIS 438.3m., from NIS 419.3m. In the first half, operating and other income fell 7.5% to NIS 870.5m., from NIS 941.3m., primarily due to reduced commission income

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from capital market activities.

Operating and other expenses fell 1.3% to NIS 771.9m., from NIS 782.3m., primarily due to lower salary and related expenses.

The bank's share in earnings of subsidiary companies increased to NIS 16.5m., from losses of NIS 3.7m. in 1994.

The profits were partly offset by a 60% growth in provisions for doubtful debts to NIS 163m., from NIS 102.2m. This was mainly due to the capital market slump, which reduced the value of securities taken by the bank as credit security.

The provision for taxes increased to NIS 103.1m., from NIS 66.1m.

Credit to the public increased 6.2% since the start of the year to NIS 61.7 billion, from

NIS 58.1b. Deposits from the public rose 5.2% to NIS 81.3b., from NIS 77.3b. Total assets fell 0.3% to NIS 106.3b., from NIS 106.6b.

Overseas subsidiaries contributed in the half-year period profits of NIS 10.4m. compared with losses of NIS 40.5m. in 1994. In the second quarter, they contributed NIS 34.3m. in losses compared with NIS 4.5m. in losses in the same period last year.

Management said the Bank of Israel's new rules for calculating overseas subsidiaries' earnings led to a NIS 20.4m. rise in profits in the first half and a NIS 20.7m. loss in the second quarter.

Industrial Development Bank reported second-quarter net profits of NIS 4.6m., from NIS 3.4m. in the same period last year. Six-month profits fell to NIS 7.9m., from NIS 8.5m.

Koor quarterly gains jump 118% to NIS 135m.

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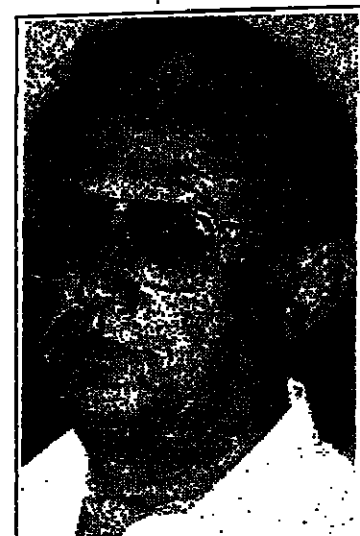
KOOR Industries reported yesterday a 118 percent growth in second-quarter net profits to NIS 135 million, from NIS 62m. in the same period last year.

After reporting the results, president and CEO Benny Gaon said the holding company will continue plans for a global public offering of American Depositary Shares to be made through an international syndicate of underwriters.

The company expects to raise proceeds between \$130m. and \$150m. based on the recent trading price of its shares on the TASE.

Koor, which expects to complete the offering before the end of the year, will use the proceeds for investing in core businesses and growth areas, for repaying certain bank and other debts, and for general corporate purposes.

Six-month profits increased 16% to NIS 300m., from NIS 259m. Net return on equity reached 16.1%.



Gaon: Company still planning global offering.

(Uzi Keren)

Gaon said most of the holding company's subsidiaries registered higher profits while the concern

also terminated unprofitable activities.

Quarterly sales rose 18.9% to NIS 2.43b., from NIS 2.05b., while half-year sales grew 16.2%, to NIS 5b.

Koor Agro, Mashav, United Steel, Middle East Tubes, Graut Haacamel, Tadiran, the canned goods division, and the electronics group all reported sales increases.

Soltam, Shemen, Mega, Phonocia, and Shalon reported a drop in sales.

Exports increased 24.2% to \$272m. primarily due to the contributions of Tadiran, Makhteshim, Agan, and Tehrad.

Operating income increased 40.1%, to NIS 251m., while financing expenses fell to NIS 17.9m., from NIS 48.1m. The drop was mainly due to a real rise in shekel short-term credit, the gap between the actual and known consumer price index, and reduced losses from marketable securities compared with the same period last year.

Time Warner, Turner Major Japanese bank, confirm merger talks credit union collapse

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Time Warner and Turner Broadcasting System said yesterday they are discussing a merger that would overshadow the entertainment colossus that Walt Disney put together last month.

In the latest in a string of multi-billion-dollar mega-mergers this summer, the two media giants said they are negotiating a deal in which Ted Turner's broadcasting company would become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Time Warner.

If the deal is consummated, the new entity would become the world's biggest entertainment company, with annual revenues of about \$18.7 billion - far more than the \$16.4b. in revenue expected from Disney's planned acquisition of Capital Cities/ABC, which owns the ABC

television network.

Sources said Time Warner's acquisition of Turner, which would involve an exchange of stock, would cost more than \$8b.

Under terms of the proposed transaction, Turner, the broadcasting company's iconoclastic chairman, who is reported to be "enthusiastic" about the merger, would become vice chairman of Time Warner.

If the deal goes through, Turner would become one of the largest stockholders in Time Warner and Turner Broadcasting would receive two seats on the new company's board.

However, the companies warned in a brief statement that significant issues remain to be negotiated and said there could be no assurance that agreement would be reached.

OSAKA (Reuters) - Japan's financial system suffered a double

blow yesterday when panicking depositors scrambled to pull their savings out of the country's biggest credit union and a major regional bank collapsed.

Hyogo Bank's collapse, the first by a Japanese bank since WWII, and the problems of the sector sent a shiver through financial markets, pushing the dollar higher.

In one of the darkest days in Japan's post-war financial history, the Finance Ministry announced a scheme to liquidate 83-year-old Hyogo Bank, and fights broke out when depositors flocked to withdraw their savings from credit union Kizu Shinyo Kumiai.

Financial sources said the two institutions had had loans worth more than \$10 billion.

Osaka's prefectural government

ordered a partial suspension of the Kizu credit union. Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura announced a new bank would take over the business of Hyogo and dispose of its debts over the next 10 years.

Earlier in the day, scuffles broke out as depositors rushed to withdraw savings from the 27 branches of Osaka-based Kizu, which had unrecouped loans totaling some \$6b. at the end of July.

Officials sought to play down fears of further problems in the banking sector. "There is absolutely no need for concern that the problems will spread to other financial institutions and increase worries over the credibility [of Japan's financial system]," Bank of Japan Governor Yasuo Mutsushita said.

Clal profits jump to NIS 52.2m.

RACHEL NEIMAN

CLAL reported yesterday net profits of NIS 52.2 million compared with profits of NIS 4.3m. in the same period last year.

Revenues rose to NIS 1.17 billion, from NIS 994m., while earnings per share were NIS 1.68, from NIS 0.13.

Half-year profits were NIS 68.16m. compared with NIS 37.85m. on revenues of NIS 2.2b., from NIS 2b. in 1994. Earnings per share rose to NIS 2.25, from NIS 1.22.

The dramatic earnings leap was a result of second-quarter capital gains compared with a NIS 11.4m. securities loss - of which NIS 6.8m. came from Clal Insurance - during the same period last year.

In the first half, Clal reported higher funding costs after increasing holdings in the group's firms. In addition, the gap between last year's and this year's CPI index was cited for slowing down profitability.

This year's capital gains were executed primarily by Clal Industries, which, as part of its long-term strategy, is reorganizing its portfolio.

Clal also made a series of acquisitions and mergers during the first six months of the year, including Azorim's 50% purchase of Housing and Development from the government for NIS 884m. in March. The acquisition had a significant impact on Azorim's second-quarter results and contributed NIS 2.5m. to Clal's revenues.

In another move, Clal Pharmaceutical purchased 11.5% of the US-based Pharmaceutical Resources (PRI) for \$20m., while simultaneously investing \$4m. in an Israeli-based limited partnership with PRI for the development of generic drugs.

A third subsidiary, Clal Electronics, signed an agreement for the development, manufacturing, and marketing of semiconductors with the US-based AG Associates. According to the pact, Clal will invest \$4.5m. over two years in return for 51% of AG (Israel).

Gov't helps Bezeq take on future competition

JUDY SIEGEL

THE government has decided to reduce the rate of royalties Bezeq pays on profits, from eight percent to 5%, to help the company encounter competition from private firms.

Bezeq had requested the reduction, which goes into effect when other companies enter the overseas call market, which is expected to be in about one year.

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni, ministry director-general Shlomo Wachs, and the

Treasury's director-general David Brodet agreed yesterday on a number of additional measures to bolster Bezeq.

These changes include requiring competitors to pay per minute of access to Bezeq's infrastructure for each incoming or outgoing call, requiring competitors to pay for completing a call in the firm's phone network, and reducing by 2% per year the "efficiency formula" of income divided by the number of employees.

The measures are expected to add NIS 3 billion to Bezeq's income between 1996 and 2001.

"Even in the era of competition in overseas dialing, Bezeq will maintain high profitability... without the need for reducing staff," the Communications Ministry said.

Competition will lower overseas call rates and expand the variety of services, the ministry added.

Shohat asks panel to okay guarantees for Electric Corp.

Post Business Staff

FINANCE Minister Avraham Shohat yesterday asked the Knesset Finance Committee to approve \$182 million in government loan guarantees for the Electric Corp.

Since most of the firm's equipment is imported, the firm has negotiated with several foreign banks to provide financing, which requires the guarantees.

The loans will be used for two major investments, according to the ministry.

The Electric Corp. is looking to borrow \$133m. to purchase storage tanks for the Rottenberg II power plant project and \$49m. to buy gas turbines and rotors for the Reading power plant.

The firm's development plans call for the investment of some NIS 7 billion.

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Israel Corp. reports losses

RACHEL NEIMAN

ISRAEL Corporation reported second-quarter net losses of NIS 5 million compared with net profits of NIS 2.72m. in the same period last year.

Revenues rose to NIS 283.8m., from NIS 201.13m. Six-month profits were NIS 330,000 compared with NIS 511,99m., from NIS 423,99m. Earnings per share fell NIS 0.07, from NIS 4.87.

The drop was primarily due to \$32.3m. in losses registered by newly-acquired subsidiary Israel Chemicals (ICL), which contributed \$15m. in losses to the group.

Israel Corp. head Shaul Eisenberg, released a statement earlier this week denying reports in *Yediot Aharanot* that Fertilizers and Chemicals chairman of the board Haim Erez retired after the company reported disappointing second-quarter results. The statement was made in both Eisenberg's and Israel Corp.'s name.

A decline in half-year profits recorded by subsidiary Zim, also hindered Israel Corp. results. Zim's six-month earnings fell to \$3.46m., from \$17m.

Another subsidiary, Edunetics, recorded six-month losses of \$2.1m.

Israel Corp. said the group's poor results were partly due to a first-quarter 2.51% rise in the CPI followed by a 2.25% rise in the second quarter. In addition, during the first six months of the

year, the gap in the shekel-dollar exchange widened by 2.2% which mainly affected subsidiaries Zim, Oil Refineries, and ICL.

The group's six-month capital gains were only NIS 420,000 compared with NIS 23.14m. in 1994.

Investments increased by NIS 374m. mainly due to the acquisition of new firms and increased holdings in subsidiaries.

Six-month profits for subsidiary Intergamma were NIS 3.8m., from NIS 4.6m., on revenues of NIS 128.1m., from NIS 136.4m. Israel Shipping and Supply profits fell to NIS 3.4m., from NIS 18.8m., while profits of another subsidiary, Tower Semiconductor, rose to NIS 13.3m., from NIS 6.3m.

Israel Cold Storage reported losses of NIS 1.43m., from gains of NIS 321,000, on revenues of NIS 120.8m., from NIS 92m.

Six-month net profits were NIS 5.54m., from NIS 22.8m., on revenues of NIS 211.3m., from NIS 168.18m.

Piryon Investments recorded profits of NIS 2,000 compared with losses of NIS 6.8m. in 1994. During the first half of the year, the firm invested NIS 4.7m. for 7.7% of Zika, NIS 11.5m. for 33% of YLR Capital Markets, and NIS 2.7m. for 15.4% of Adgar Alenby.

Hadar Insurance records losses

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

HADAR Insurance reported second-quarter net losses of NIS 25.2 million compared with net profits of NIS 3.1m. in the same period last year.

Six-month losses were NIS 22.3m. compared with profits of NIS 12.2m. in 1994.

The drop was attributed primarily to the results of its 52.2%-owned subsidiary La Nationale, which contributed losses of NIS 22.2m. to Hadar in the first half of the year.

Hadar's six-month profits, excluding subsidiaries' results, increased to NIS 800,000, from NIS 500,000 last year.

Hard Hamishbar reported net profits of NIS 8.8m., from profits of NIS 100,000 in the same period last year.

First-half earnings grew 125% to NIS 17.2m., from NIS 7.6m. The rise, however, was partly offset by a drop in profits from general insurance activities to NIS 14m., from NIS 20.5m.

Sahar Israel Insurance reported net losses of NIS 1.95m. compared with losses of NIS 344,000 last year.

Six-month losses were NIS 914,000 compared with profits of NIS 238,000 in 1994.

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NYSE Midcap	2931.01	-15.45
NYSE Smallcap	2931.01	-15.45

Other stock market indexes

Index	Value	Change
FTSE 100	2931.01	-15.45
Nikkei 225	2931.01	-15.45
DAX	2931.01	-15.45

Israeli stocks in NY

Stock	Price	Change
Bank Leumi	15.25	+0.10
Bank Hapoalim	14.75	+0.05
Bank Mizrahi	14.25	+0.05

NASDAQ / over-the-counter

Stock	Price	Change
Amgen	14.75	+0.10
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Libor rates

Rate	Value	Change
3 months	5.875	0
6 months	5.875	0
9 months	5.875	0

Foreign financial data courtesy of CommStock Trading Ltd.

Country	Index	Value	Change
USA	DJ 30	2931.01	-15.45
UK	FTSE 100	2931.01	-15.45
Japan	Nikkei 225	2931.01	-15.45

US commodities

Commodity	Price	Change
Crude Oil	18.75	+0.10
Gold	380.00	+0.10
Silver	10.00	+0.10

London commodities

Commodity	Price	Change
Crude Oil	18.75	+0.10
Gold	380.00	+0.10
Silver	10.00	+0.10

Spot market metals (US)

Metal	Price	Change
Gold	380.00	+0.10
Silver	10.00	+0.10
Copper	1.50	+0.01

New York metal futures

Metal	Price	Change
Gold	380.00	+0.10
Silver	10.00	+0.10
Copper	1.50	+0.01

London metal futures

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Gold	380.00	+0.10
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Copper	1.50	+0.01

Spot market metals (UK)

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Gold	380.00	+0.10
Silver	10.00	+0.10
Copper	1.50	+0.01

New York metal futures

Metal	Price	Change
Gold	380.00	+0.10
Silver	10.00	+0.10
Copper	1.50	+0.01

London metal futures

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Gold	380.00	+0.10
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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Stock	Price	Change
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Two-sided trading

Stock	Price	Change
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Bank Hapoalim	14.75	+0.05
Bank Mizrahi	14.25	+0.05

Commercial Banks

Bank	Price	Change
Bank Leumi	15.25	+0.10
Bank Hapoalim	14.75	+0.05
Bank Mizrahi	14.25	+0.05

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Bank	Price	Change
Bank Leumi	15.25	+0.10
Bank Hapoalim	14.75	+0.05
Bank Mizrahi	14.25	+0.05

Financial Institutions

Institution	Price	Change
Bank Leumi	15.25	+0.10
Bank Hapoalim	14.75	+0.05
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Insurance

Company	Price	Change
Bank Leumi	15.25	+0.10
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Trade & Services

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Industrials

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Oil Exploration

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Investment Companies

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Quarterly reports send market down

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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STOCKS fell yesterday, as investors responded selectively to second-quarter earnings reports.

The Two-Sided Index fell 0.36% to 204.55, and the Maof Index fell 0.24% to 208.06. Across the exchange, more than twice as many shares fell as rose.

Shares worth some NIS 90.8 million changed hands, NIS13.5m. below Tuesday's results and about NIS 60m. below last week's average level.

Koor Industries rose 0.75% after reporting a rise in second-quarter profits.

Koor's gains were offset by losses in holding company Cal, which fell 0.5%, and by Bank Leumi BM, which declined 0.25%.

The three firms' results were in line with expectations. "There weren't any surprises from these big guys," said Eli Nahum, head of trading at Zannex Securities.

"The market already included their results in prices."

Investment and holding company Israel Corp. Issue 1 fell 2.75% and Israel Corp. Issue 5 fell 3% after the group reported losses.

The insurance sector declined.

As La Nationale fell 5.75%, Shares in affiliated companies Hadar Insurance and Israel Phoenix fell 10%.

Maof Index-listed Teva fell 1% following declines in the drug-maker's American Depository Receipts traded on Nasdaq, which fell to 36% Tuesday, from 37% Monday.

Israel Chemicals rose 0.75% after reporting losses earlier this week.

"ICL has a good future," said Nahum. "It's a company going through a turnaround - closing the unprofitable and concentrating on the profitable; this is the way to recover."

Bank Hapoalim BM rose 1.5% and Piron Investment Trust rose 0.25%. Rogosin fell 2.75%, while Agis fell 0.75%. Export Investment fell 1.5%, while Israel Corp.'s subsidiary Israel Cold Storage and Supply closed unchanged.

After trading closed in Tel Aviv, the Amex/Oscar Gruss Index was up as much as 1.17 points to 158.83. The index, which measures 11 Israeli companies traded in the US, closed at an annual high of 156.80 on August 21.

(Bloomberg)

Among individual shares, Volkswagen climbed 8.90 marks to 452.90 after the group reported it had swung to a net profit in the first half and posted stronger than group income from ordinary activities.

"VW said group income from ordinary activities was at DM616m. and group net profit was at DM113m.

PARIS - French shares ended up more than 1%, continuing a technical bounce begun the previous day as the market adjusted to the resignation of Finance Minister Alain Madelin.

The CAC-40 index closed up 21.92, or 1.15%, at 1,921.43.

Traders said the market was calm and looking for an easing today after the independent policy council of the Bank of France met.

TOKYO - Stocks ran out of breath yesterday, slumping by the close after two straight days of gains.

Brokers said news reports that authorities had decided to suspend some operations of Japan's biggest credit union in terms of deposits, Osaka-based Kizu Shinryo Kumiai, had little impact on the market as it had largely been expected.

"Suspension of Osaka's Kizu credit union might actually be positive for the market as it would prompt the government to come up with more practical steps to solve Japan's bad loan problem," said Hiroshi Ichio, an analyst at Yamaichi Research Institute.

The 225-share Nikkei average ended the day down 151.30 points or 0.83% at 17,983.86.

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Arsenal gets bitter taste of Campbell's revenge

LONDON (AP) — Kevin Campbell, who moved this year from Arsenal to Nottingham Forest, stung his former teammates Tuesday with a second-half goal to give his new club a 1-1 draw in an English Premier League match.

Campbell, who came to Nottingham Forest this season from Arsenal for £2.5 million, scored in the 63rd minute of an otherwise lackluster match before a sellout of 38,248 at Arsenal's north London stadium.

The 25-year-old Campbell scored only five goals last season but notched his first this season in only four games.

With five minutes left in the match, Campbell almost made the script even better when he blasted a drive from 18 yards that goalie David Seaman had to scramble to save.

Arsenal's David Platt — another high-priced transfer — gave his club a 1-0 lead in the 41st minute on a cracking volley, his second goal of the season and his first at home.

The English midfielder was a £4.75 million transfer from Italy's Sampdoria this season and has joined Dutch striker Dennis Bergkamp, who moved to Arsenal this season from Inter Milan for £7.5 million.

Bergkamp has yet to score in four games and was largely silent in the draw with Nottingham Forest, the only game in the Premier League.

The two clubs have identical records with one victory and three draws for six points. Their play Tuesday didn't suggest they're ready yet to challenge the three league leaders — Newcastle, Leeds and Manchester United with nine points each.

TUESDAY'S SOCCER RESULTS:

First Division: Barnsley 2; Tranmere 1; Charlton 2; Watford 1; Grimsby 0; Luton 0; Reading 1; Millwall 2; Sheffield United 2; Crystal Palace 3; Southampton 2; West Brom 1.

NL loss-leader hurls one-hitter

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Paul Wagner, leading the National League in losses, came within one strike of pitching perhaps the most unlikely no-hitter in Major League history, sending the Pittsburgh Pirates past the Colorado Rockies 4-0 on Tuesday night.

Wagner (3-13) lost his no-hit bid with two outs in the ninth inning when Andres Galaraga got an infield single on a 3-2 pitch. Galaraga hit a grounder up the middle that second baseman Nelson Liriano backhanded far to his right, but his looping throw from far behind the bag was not nearly in time.

Facing a Rockies team that was leading the NL in hitting and threatening to set a league record for home runs in a month, Wagner struck out 11 and walked three.

John Candelaria on Aug. 9, 1976, threw the only no-hitter in Pittsburgh by a Pirates pitcher. Wagner ended Pittsburgh's six-game losing streak and pitched his second shutout in the majors.

Kevin Ritz (9-10) was the loser.

Met 4, Dodgers 3

Jeff Kent hit a solo home run with two outs in the ninth inning to tie it and Dutch Huskey hit an RBI single off reliever Todd Worrell's

glove, leading the New York Mets over the Dodgers.

Los Angeles rallied for three runs in the eighth, capped by Delino DeShields' single, for a 3-2 lead. But the Mets bounced back for their ninth win in 12 games.

Worrell retired the first two batters in the ninth, and was one out away from his 26th save when Kent hit his 15th home run. Worrell (3-1) then walked Rico Brogna and gave up a single to Ryan Thompson.

Huskey followed with a grounder that glanced off Worrell's glove and deflected to third baseman Dave Hansen, whose throw to first was not in time. Worrell wound up with his third blown save.

Jerry DiPoto (4-4) picked up the win and John Franco pitched a scoreless ninth for his 20th save.

Astros 11, Braves 9 (13)

Visiting Houston ended their team-record 11-game losing streak, hitting five home runs in a game for the first time in nearly 18 years.

Tony Eusebio led off the 13th with a home run, and the Astros added another run on a suicide-squeeze bunt by John Cangello.

The Astros overcame an early 6-0 deficit, then blew a 9-7 lead in the ninth. Derek Bell, who had four hits, Derrick May, Mike Simms and Brian Hunter also homered for Houston.

David Justice homered twice and Fred McGriff also connected for Atlanta. Eusebio homered off Matt Murray (0-2). Greg Swindell (9-9) won in relief.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Indians 4, Blue Jays 1

Mark Clark pitched a career-best three-hitter for Cleveland.

Eddie Murray singled home the game's first run in the fourth, becoming

TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS:

San Francisco 6, Philadelphia 4

Chicago 10, Florida 6

Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 1

Pittsburgh 4, Colorado 0

New York 4, Los Angeles 3

Montreal 2, San Diego 1

TUESDAY'S AL RESULTS:

Seattle 6, Boston 4

Cleveland 4, Toronto 1

Oakland 3, Baltimore 1

New York 12, Milwaukee 4

Kansas City 7, Milwaukee 1

Minnesota 2, Texas 0

Detroit 7, Chicago 5

ing the 14th player with 1,800 career RBIs.

The Indians have won 10 of 11. Clark (8-5) walked two and struck out two in his first complete game of the year. The only run he allowed was Paul Molitor's 13th homer in the ninth.

Juan Guzman (3-10), activated from the disabled list before the game, pitched well but lost his fifth consecutive decision. He had gone on the DL August 10 after experiencing pain in his armpit during his previous start.

The Indians, who have won 10 of 11, finished Guzman with two runs in the seventh on RBI singles by Sandy Alomar and Kenny Lofton. Alomar drove in a run with a forceout in the eighth.

Yankees 12, Angels 4

Mike Stanley's three-run homer capped a five-run first inning for host New York.

Stanley's homer, his 16th, came off Chuck Finley (13-9), who allowed eight runs in 5 1/2 innings.

Tim Lincecum and J.T. Snow hit consecutive homers off David Cone (14-7) to pull California within 5-4 in the fourth, but the Yankees scored twice in their half of the inning and knocked out Finley when they scored again in the sixth.

New York had lost nine of its previous 10 games but jumped on Finley for five runs before there were any outs.

Cone, who has won five of his six decisions since joining the Yankees on July 28, walked four, struck out six and allowed five hits in eight innings.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

Boston 70 44 614 18

New York 55 58 482 15

Baltimore 54 60 474 16

Toronto 49 64 454 20.5

Detroit 47 66 416 22.5

Central Division

Cleveland 78 35 690 37

Milwaukee 58 56 509 20.5

Kansas City 56 50 474 16

Chicago 48 64 429 22.5

Minnesota 41 72 383 37

West Division

California 67 48 583 8

Texas 58 59 513 8

Seattle 58 56 509 20.5

Oakland 56 60 482 11.5

Chang, Muster, Pierce victorious

NEW YORK (AP) — In a show of power, Thomas Muster and Mary Pierce blasted their way to victory yesterday at the US Open tennis championships.

Muster, the men's No. 3 seed and the French Open champion, defeated Luke Jensen 7-6(7-3), 6-3, 6-0, while Pierce, who won the Australian Open in January, beat Tatyana Jecmenica of Yugoslavia 6-3, 6-0.

Fourteen-year-old Martina Hingis, considered a future star on the women's tennis tour, defeated eighth-seeded Magdalena Maleeva 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, while No. 3 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario downed South Africa's Joannette Kruger 6-4, 6-3.

Joining Muster as a first-round winner were No. 5 Michael Chang of the US, who beat Italian Gianluca Pozzi 6-0, 6-1, 6-0, No. 8 Michael Stich, who topped Spain's Javier Sanchez 6-2, 6-3, 6-0, and No. 12 Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands, who defeated Karel Novacek of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Hingis, who was named for Martina Navratilova and is coached by her mother, Melanie Zogg, is ranked 18th in the world. And while Maleeva is ranked 10 spots above her, the youngest of the three Bulgarian tennis-playing sisters has been sidelined with fused disks in her back and a sprained ankle. Maleeva was playing in her first tournament since the French Open in May, when she lost in the second round.

By winning, Hingis equaled her best Grand Slam tournament performance. She also reached the third round at the French Open.

Maleeva appeared content to rally from the baseline, but Hingis, who can trade ground strokes with her, played more of an attacking game, venturing to the net occasionally, putting pressure on her opponent.

Pierce, on the other hand, used her penetrating groundstrokes to overpower the 17-year-old Jecmenica, who was born in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, Monica Sele's birthplace. This was her first Grand Slam tournament main draw.

Ever since their junior tennis days, Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras and Jim Courier have taken turns winning Grand Slam tournaments and becoming No. 1 in the world.



IN CONTROL — Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario returns ball to South African Joannette Kruger at the US Open yesterday.(AP)

They stepped together into the second round of the US Open on Tuesday, with only Courier needing more than straight sets.

The defending champion and top-seeded Agassi beat Bryan Shelton 6-2, 6-2, 6-2; No. 2 Sampras defeated Brazilian Fernando Meligeni 6-0, 6-3, 6-4, and Courier, seeded 14th, downed Bernd Karbacher of Germany 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

"I have concluded that the thing you want to do, you want to get through each match however you need to get through it," Agassi said. "As long as you're still in the event, good things can happen."

"When you get to the players where you know you need to play your best, you want to raise to that level and hope it is there. But to get through them is the most important thing."

Steffi Graf, top-seeded in the women's field, was pushed to the limit before she defeated South African Amanda Coetzer 6-7(1-7), 6-1, 6-4. Tonight, Graf will play Rita Grande of Italy for a third-round berth.

"Having to play a tough player in the first round and to have been in a position to have to play key points and to have that be-

hind me, will definitely help me," Graf said.

There was only one upset on the second day, No. 13 Iva Majoli of Croatia falling to Austrian Barbara Paulus 6-4, 6-4.

Men's winners included No. 7 Yevgeny Kafelnikov, No. 11 Sergi Bruguera, No. 13 Marc Rosset and No. 15 Todd Martin. On the women's side, No. 11 Anke Huber, No. 12 Natasha Zvereva and No. 14 Mary Joe Fernandez were victorious.

Agassi, Sampras and Courier were a part of a great group of American juniors, a group which also included Chang, David Wheaton and MaliVai Washington.

Chang was the first to break through, becoming the youngest player in history to win the French Open men's title in 1989. Courier followed on the red clay of Paris in 1991 and 1992, victories that propelled him to the No. 1 ranking in 1992.

Sampras won the first of his two US Open titles in 1990, then repeated in 1993. He also has won the last three Wimbledon and ascended the top of the rankings in 1993.

It's Agassi, the defending US Open champion, who is now No. 1. But it hasn't changed his outlook.

"The bottom line is, I think every time you step on the court against a top player, you raise your level to the best that you can play," he said when asked if he senses other players wanting to knock out No. 1. "I have always felt like I have had to beat my opponents' best tennis day in, day out."

"But I don't spend too much time thinking about the ranking very much. I just want to win tournaments."

He wins tournaments the way he won his first-round match — with grace, flawless precision and overpowering strokes. He committed only 14 unforced errors — Shelton had 47 — and he controlled the match from the initial point.

Agassi rates himself a much better player than he was last year when he came into the Open unseeded and won.

"I am executing with total confidence," he said. "I have definitely taken my jumps. I have definitely learned my lessons, some of them the hard way. But I guess, ultimately, I have never given up."

Muster listed as top seed at Eisenberg Israel Open

WORLD No. 3 and French Open champion Thomas Muster is the top seed for the \$250,000 Joyce Eisenberg Israel Open taking place at Ramat Hasharon in October.

The final, updated entry list arrived at Ramat Hasharon from ATP headquarters in Florida yesterday placing Frenchman Rodolphe Gilbert, at 143, as the lowest ranked player to make it as a direct acceptance.

For the first time in well over a decade, no Israeli will come into the draw as direct acceptance — tournament director Ian Fridman will decide which three Israelis will receive cards to the event.

Eyal Ran is the highest-ranked Israeli in the

list at 199, Eyal Erlich is next at 234.

Muster, who won the Zagreb clay court event on Sunday to claim his tenth ATP crown of the year, will return to Ramat Hasharon for a third consecutive year. He has yet to place his name among the other champions of the event, taking place between October 9 and 15.

Muster's chances this time appear to be better than ever as he will be the highest-ever ranked player to participate in the tournament.

Confronting the awesome Austrian this time will be Italian Andrea Gaudenzi, who is seeded second with a world ranking of 20,

while Spaniard Javier Sanchez at 46 in the IBM/ATP Rankings is third seed and hard-serving American David Wheaton, ranked at 51 is fourth.

Next in the entry list is the 1993 champion at Ramat Hasharon, Jeff Tarango. The volatile American, who was thrown out of this year's Wimbledon in a controversial incident in which he accused the umpire of his match Bruno Reubel as being "the most corrupt in the game," is ranked at 61.

Another American, Jared Palmer, ranked at 75 is the sixth-placed player in the entry list. Palmer is also ranked 11th in the world in doubles.

Golf seniors hold tournament to benefit Oklahoma City kids

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Some of the biggest names on the Senior PGA Tour came to Oklahoma City Tuesday to lend their support to victims of the federal building bombing.

Arnold Palmer, Lee Trevino and Dave Stockton were among about 25 Senior Tour players who took off in the Heartland of America Pro-Am, with proceeds going toward construction of a downtown day-care center.

Every professional came gratis — no appearance fees, no traveling expenses — and were glad to do it.

"The only thing that required any thought was when we could do it, just getting a date so we could get everyone together," said Palmer, who flew in from his home in La Jolla, Pa.

Tournament organizers hope to raise as much as \$500,000. A total of 112 amateurs paid \$1,500 apiece to play with the pros. Live and silent auctions held Monday night — including the chance to be paired with Trevino or Palmer — raised at least

\$200,000 at Quail Creek Golf and Country Club.

A day-care center was located on the second floor of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, which was destroyed by the April 19 bombing. Fifteen children in the center were among the 19 children killed in the attack.

"The thing about the children, for some reason — and it's probably not fair to the other people — but that's what gets you, that's what gets you mad, makes you sick," said Rocky Thompson. "Most people love children, and I'm one of 'em."

Bob Murphy made a donation at the auction and dinner. He said his donation was matched by Stockton, then matched again by a local auto dealership owner, then matched again by another person at the table.

"We're going to make a very nice ticket for that day-care center," he said. "But your hope is always to awaken people to what is going on and what can be done."

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

LONDON (Reuters) — Scores at the close of play on the second day of four-day English County Championship cricket matches yesterday:

At Trent Bridge: Hampshire 333 in 136.3 overs (P. Whitaker 89), Nottinghamshire 142-9 after 72 overs.

At The Oval: Surrey 221 in 57.5 overs. Lancashire 343-5 after 116 overs (J. Gallian 110, N. Speck 72, M. Ashworth 61).

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire 278 in 78.3 overs (Wasim Khan 68; J. Lewis 44-4).

Glostershire 54-4 after 28 overs. At Chelmsford: Essex 326 in 89 overs (M. Waugh 121 not out, G. Gooch 68; P. DeFreitas 5-60 and 40-1, Derbyshire 200 in 75.5 overs (P. DeFreitas 91; P. Sach 5-56, J. Childs 4-81).

At Leicestershire: Glamorgan 139-5 after 110 overs (S. James 120 not out, M. Maynard 103) v Leicestershire.

At Uxbridge: Northamptonshire 479 in 160.2 overs (R. Bailey 157, R. Warren 79). Middlesex 57-1 after 17.4 overs.

At Worcester: Somerset 425 in 133.2 overs (A. Coddick 92, P. Hollaway 74, G. Rose 53; P. Newport 5-105). Worcestershire 121-1 after 49.5 overs (P. Weston 60).

SCARBOROUGH (Reuters) — West Indies were 426 all out at the close of the first day of their three-day cricket match against Yorkshire yesterday.

KARACHI, Pakistan (Reuters) — Sri Lanka were 252 for five at the close of the first day of their three-day match against a Pakistan Cricket Board XI yesterday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Israeli biker set for world championships

Ben Ami Choshu, Israeli mountain bike champion, will be competing in the world championships in Germany, scheduled for September 18-24. *Natan Ronen*

Better Ball Medal tourney results

Amit and Ofer Meshi placed first with a 64 point, nine-under par performance in the Better Ball Medal tournament held last weekend at the Caesars Golf and Country Club. Gila Ariel and Morris Alhadeff took second with a 65. Teddy Kenny and Zev Abrams came in third with 66. *Jules Caburnek*

England captain Platt to undergo surgery

England captain David Platt is to undergo surgery today to repair a torn cartilage in his right knee.

Platt will miss England's friendly international against Colombia at Wembley next Wednesday as well as a minimum of two Premier League games for Arsenal. *Reuter*

Premier League — yesterday's results

Aston Villa 1, Bolton 0; Chelsea 2, Coventry 2; Liverpool 1, Queen's Park Rangers 0; Manchester City 0, Everton 2; Newcastle 1, Middlesbrough 0; Southampton 1, Leeds 1; West Ham 1, Tottenham 1; Wimbledon 2, Sheffield Wednesday 2. *Reuter*

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Hizbullah shellings show they feel the heat - Shahak

ALON PINKAS and DAVID RUDGE

THE latest round of shelling by Hizbullah signals that they are being pressured by successful IDF activities in south Lebanon, Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said yesterday.

Speaking to graduates of the IDF Command and Staff College in Gilot, north of Tel Aviv, Shahak said that in the last few days, the IDF inflicted painful blows to Hizbullah, and their despair is showing.

"In the last several days they [Hizbullah] sustained a large number of casualties. This obviously concerns them and they are now seeking ways to retaliate and heighten the tension in south Lebanon. This war did not begin today and it will go on. I can only wish ourselves to continue being as effective as we have been in the last several weeks," Shahak told the graduates and their families.

Two Lebanese civilians were wounded yesterday when Hizbullah gunmen fired Katyusha rockets at a village inside the security zone.

The rockets fell on homes in Rehman village, causing extensive damage and wounding a 25-year-old man and a young girl, who only recently recovered from injuries sustained in a similar Hizbullah attack several weeks ago.

The fighting yesterday, following the heavy exchanges on Tuesday, began early in the morning when Hizbullah gunmen launched a long-range mortar attack at a South Lebanese Army outpost in the Rehman area.

There were no casualties and IDF and SLA gunmen returned fire, blasting suspected terrorist targets north of the zone. During the fighting Hizbullah launched several Katyusha rockets which hit Rehman.

The shooting died down until

early evening when Hizbullah gunmen again fired several mortar rounds at an SLA position in the Rehman region.

There were no casualties in that incident either and IDF and SLA gunmen returned fire.

Meanwhile, the IDF medical corps is to fly wounded soldier Sgt. Gadi Yarkoni to a hospital in Europe in an effort to save his eyesight.

Yarkoni was badly injured in a clash between his paratroop unit and a Hizbullah squad north of the security zone, in the eastern sector, last Thursday.

He was evacuated by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam Hospital with severe eye injuries and since then doctors have been fighting to save his eyesight.

The IDF Spokesman said Yarkoni would be flown to the hospital in Europe tonight. The announcement did not specify to which hospital.

Netanyahu appeals for tolerance towards government ... and from it

SARAH HONG

LIKUD chairman Binyamin Netanyahu appealed yesterday for tolerance toward the government and by the government.

He was reacting to unattributed news reports claiming there is now fear within some security circles for the lives of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Netanyahu argued that he "never needed any special security alerts to oppose labeling Rabin a 'traitor' or a 'murderer'." For months, he has strenuously condemned such epithets, and I continue to do so. Voicing legitimate opposition to the government's policies should continue vigorously, but within the limits of the law."

But, he continued, "Rabin must cease his ongoing incitement against what he calls the right. He must learn to accept the democratic rules of the game, within which opposition to his policies is not tantamount to treason, subversion, or collusion with the enemy."

"As we speak, Rabin again charged that Hamas and his own

rightist opponents are partners in crime.

"As for the sanctimonious left, I wish only to ask why it kept so silent when for months demonstrators dogged the late prime minister Menachem Begin calling him a murderer."

Former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir said the concern over Rabin's and Peres's safety is "a transparent maneuver, a provocation, and an attempt by the government to incite the public against the opposition."

"There are no facts to back these so-called news reports of threats against the prime minister. This is all an attempt to divert attention from this government's failed and disastrous policies. But this attempt is dangerous because it may plant precisely such ideas in some demented mind. There are crazies everywhere, and when one of them sought to assassinate Ronald Reagan no one claimed that the Democratic Party in the US was behind it. For this government, however, no matter what happens, it's the Likud's doing."

Guard's error frees thief

A PRISONER got an unexpected gift from a confused guard at the Beersheba Prison yesterday - his freedom.

The guard was supposed to release the prisoner's cousin, who was in the same cell. The missing man, Hamad Refia, who was serving time for stealing from cars, has not yet been recaptured, while his cousin, Ibrahim Ali Refia, was brought before a Beersheba Magistrate's Court judge yesterday on suspicion of helping him escape.

The mix-up occurred Monday afternoon, when the guard told Refia he was being released. He gave the guard his cousin's identity number and the deposit number used to reclaim personal belongings, went through all the release procedures, and disappeared.

The mistake was only discovered two hours later, when his cousin complained about not being released. Police said he helped his cousin escape by giving him the numbers. He denied the charges, and said: "I didn't know he was released instead of me and escaped. I was asleep. I didn't hear them call my name and only other prisoners in the cell told me about it, that the guard didn't call out my full name, only that Refia was being released."

He added that his cousin had also taken his driver's license, and that if those who released his cousin had bothered checking carefully, they would have realized he was the wrong man. (Itim)



Girls attending a Palestinian Center for Peace summer camp parade in Khan Yunis yesterday. (Alan Ron/Israel Sun)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sexton tried for molesting girls

The trial of the sexton of a synagogue in a Negev town on charges he sexually molested four young girls began yesterday in Beersheba Magistrate's Court. The man, 69, allegedly molested the girls, between eight and 12 at the time and all relatives of his, in the synagogue, its courtyard, and his adjacent home two years ago. He has pleaded innocent.

The mother of one of the victims has asked the court to freeze legal proceedings, arguing that relations in the extended family have worsened since his arrest and that the suspect has suffered enough. She said the case could be reopened should he again commit similar acts. The prosecution has yet to respond to her request. (Itim)

Nine months for stealing NIS 40

Two Ashkelon men, Yoav Hajaj, 27, and Uzi Jarabi, 40, caught red-handed while burglarizing a local bakery on Sunday night, were each sentenced to nine months in prison by Ashdod Magistrate's Court yesterday. The two, who stole NIS 40, pleaded guilty. Both had criminal records. (Itim)

Health Ministry seeks court order

The Jerusalem District Labor Court will this morning hear the Health Ministry's request for restraining orders against 2,000 of its workers who started a strike in public health facilities and ministry headquarters 10 days ago.

The union - which is demanding pay rises - claims the ministry will lose more in lawsuits by food importers who cannot bring in their products than the amount the wage increases would cost them. (Judy Siegel)

Doctor stays 6 days with patient

The deputy director of cardiothoracic surgery at Jerusalem's Bikur Holim Hospital remained in the hospital for six days straight to personally treat a 65-year-old kibbutznik who was recovering poorly from coronary-bypass surgery. Dr. Udi Dvir performed heart massage several times on the patient, who was discharged a few days ago.

Hospital sources said they had rarely seen such dedication to a single patient. Dvir did not leave his patient's bedside for 150 hours, except to sleep. (Judy Siegel)

Beersheba Postal Bank robbed

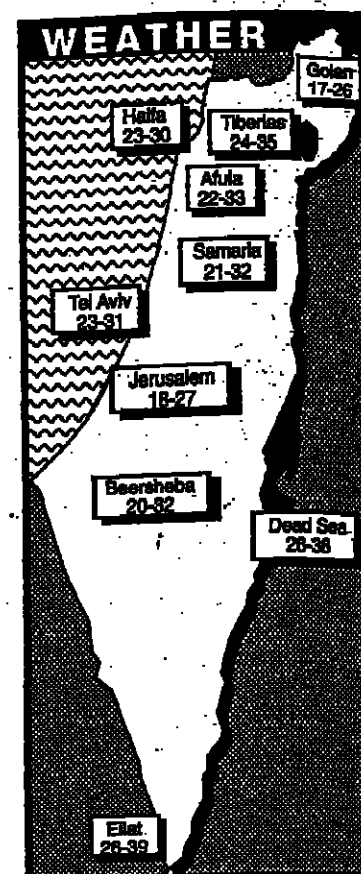
Two masked men, armed with a pistol and a knife, held up a Postal Bank branch in Beersheba yesterday morning, escaping with all the cash in the till. Less than a year ago, the same branch was robbed of NIS 2,500. (Itim)

MS drug approved

The Health Ministry has approved the marketing here of a promising but expensive US-made drug to reduce the frequency and severity of multiple sclerosis attacks.

Betaserone is manufactured by the Schering company and imported by Agis. It is the only MS drug approved so far by the US Food and Drug Administration, although Teva has sought approval for its own promising MS drug, Copaxone.

Two women patients suffering from MS have gone to court to force Kupat Holim Clalit to provide them with Betaserone, but rulings have not yet been handed down. (Judy Siegel)



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Amsterdam	11	52	17	63
Berlin	08	46	17	63
Buenos Aires	15	59	20	68
Cairo	22	72	26	79
Chicago	22	72	31	88
Copenhagen	08	46	11	52
Frankfurt	11	52	15	59
Geneva	11	52	18	64
Helsinki	11	52	17	63
London	10	50	18	64
Los Angeles	24	75	29	84
Moscow	11	52	18	64
Montreal	08	46	27	81
New York	20	68	28	82
Osaka	13	55	29	84
Paris	10	50	20	68
Stockholm	08	46	15	59
Sydney	18	64	20	68
Tokyo	20	68	27	81
Vienna	08	46	15	59

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapais daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the ten of spades, ace of hearts, queen of diamonds, and king of clubs.

Tnuva threatens to sue 'Ma'ariv'

JUDY SIEGEL

TNUVA might sue Ma'ariv for its front-page story yesterday that claimed it has for the past 18 months been adding an illegal anti-foaming compound to its long-life milk.

Yosele Yudowicz, director of Tnuva's dairy division, yesterday denied the newspaper's claim that it had using using dimethyl siloxane - an "industrial silicone" - to its long-life milk. "This is complete nonsense," said Yudowicz.

"Ma'ariv's sources did not test for dimethyl siloxane, which we use periodically to clean our machinery, but for silicone, which is naturally found in any product that derives from the land," he said, adding that Tnuva labs conduct careful tests after the compound is used for cleaning and the machinery is carefully washed down. "Only when the labs give the okay do we do the next production run."

Dimethyl siloxane may be used as an additive in a variety of food and pharmaceutical products, but it may not be added to milk either here or in the US or Europe. Dr. Rita Versano, a toxicologist at the Health Ministry's Food Service Division, said she didn't know whether Tnuva had in fact used the chemical in milk because "it is very difficult to detect." Versano said the compound is known to be harmless when ingested in any but very large quantities.

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Deputy FM Eli Dayan: Diaspora Jews are our partners

MARILYN HENRY

THE new deputy foreign minister says he is seeking a partnership with American Jews, whose relations with his predecessor had been soured over what role the Diaspora should play in Israel.

"The State of Israel is the state of all the Jews, including the Diaspora," said Eli Dayan, who succeeded Yossi Beilin in the Foreign Ministry several weeks

ago. "We have to be real partners."

Dayan held meetings this week with local representatives of several American Jewish organizations and a delegation from the New York Board of Rabbis. He said he plans regular forums with American Jews to determine

what he called a "new agenda."

While Beilin's comments routinely put many Americans on the defensive, Dayan said he is seeking both financial and moral support from the Diaspora.

Money has been an especially sticky issue for American Jews, whose contributions to the traditional fund-raising organizations appear to be stagnant and are not a substantial percentage of the

costs of immigrant absorption.

"I don't agree that we don't need contributions," Dayan said in an interview this week. "I know that contributions are not only important for the money."

He noted that donations may be the Americans' only link to Israel, and it has to be encouraged.

"We have to give them the feeling of belonging to the Jewish nation."

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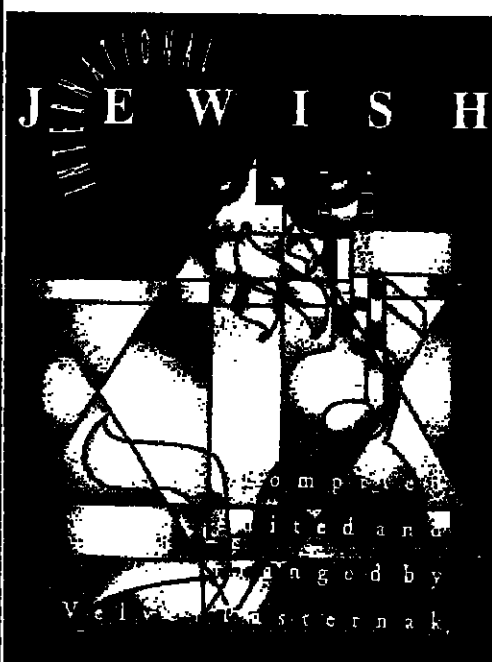
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